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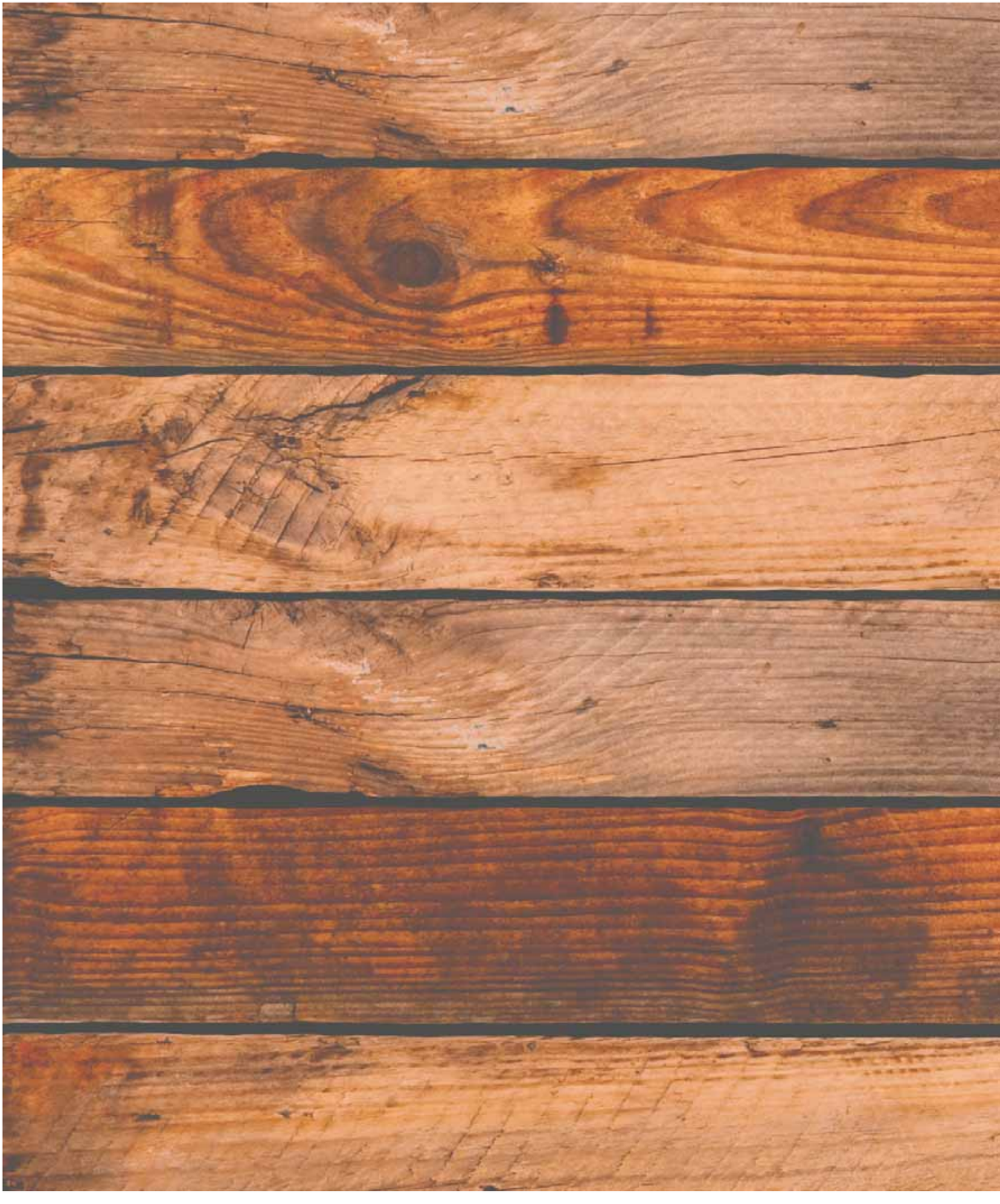

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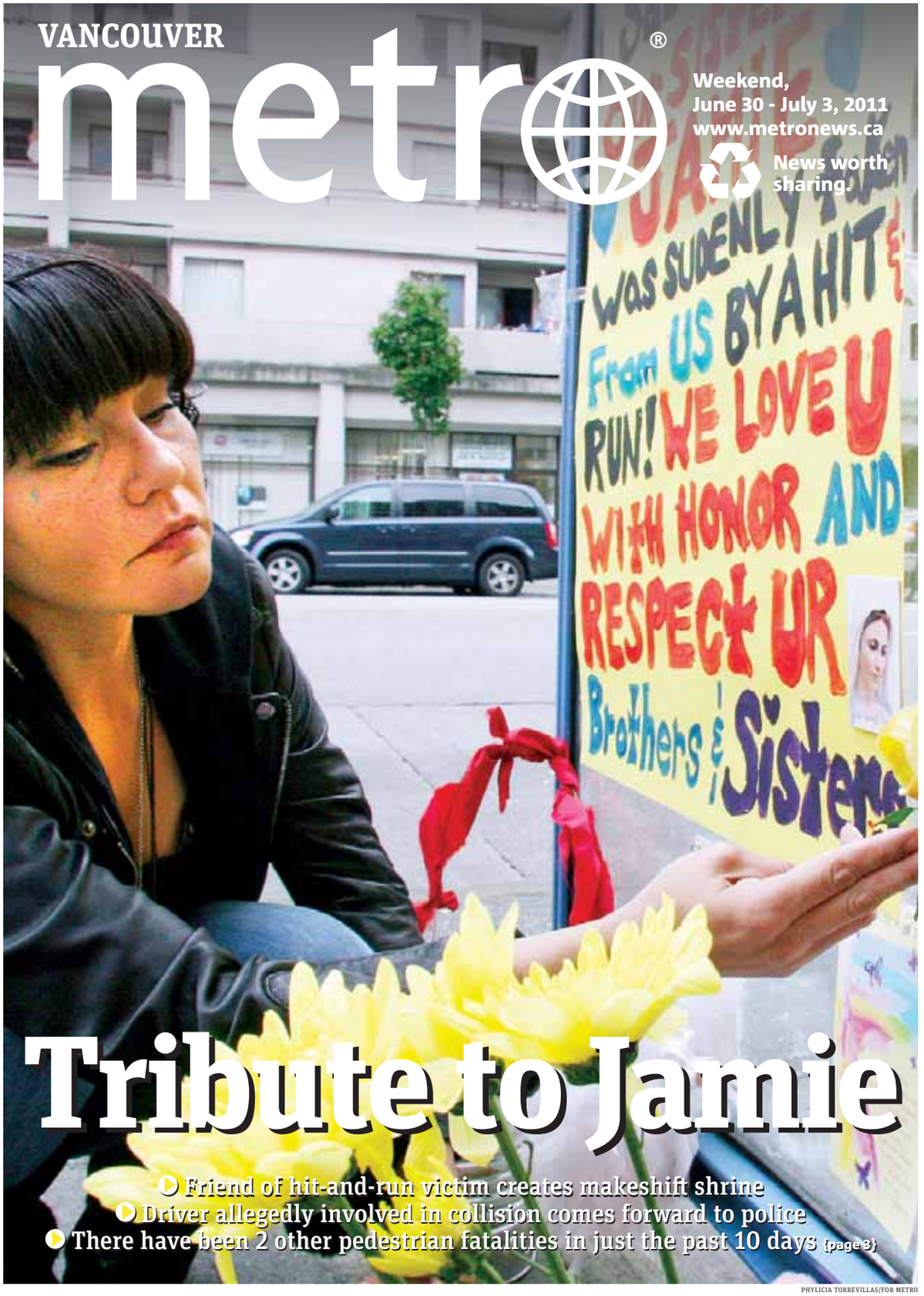

Tribute to Jamie

- Friend of hit-and-run victim creates makeshift shrine
- Driver allegedly involved in collision comes forward to police
- There have been 2 other pedestrian fatalities in just the past 10 days {page 3}

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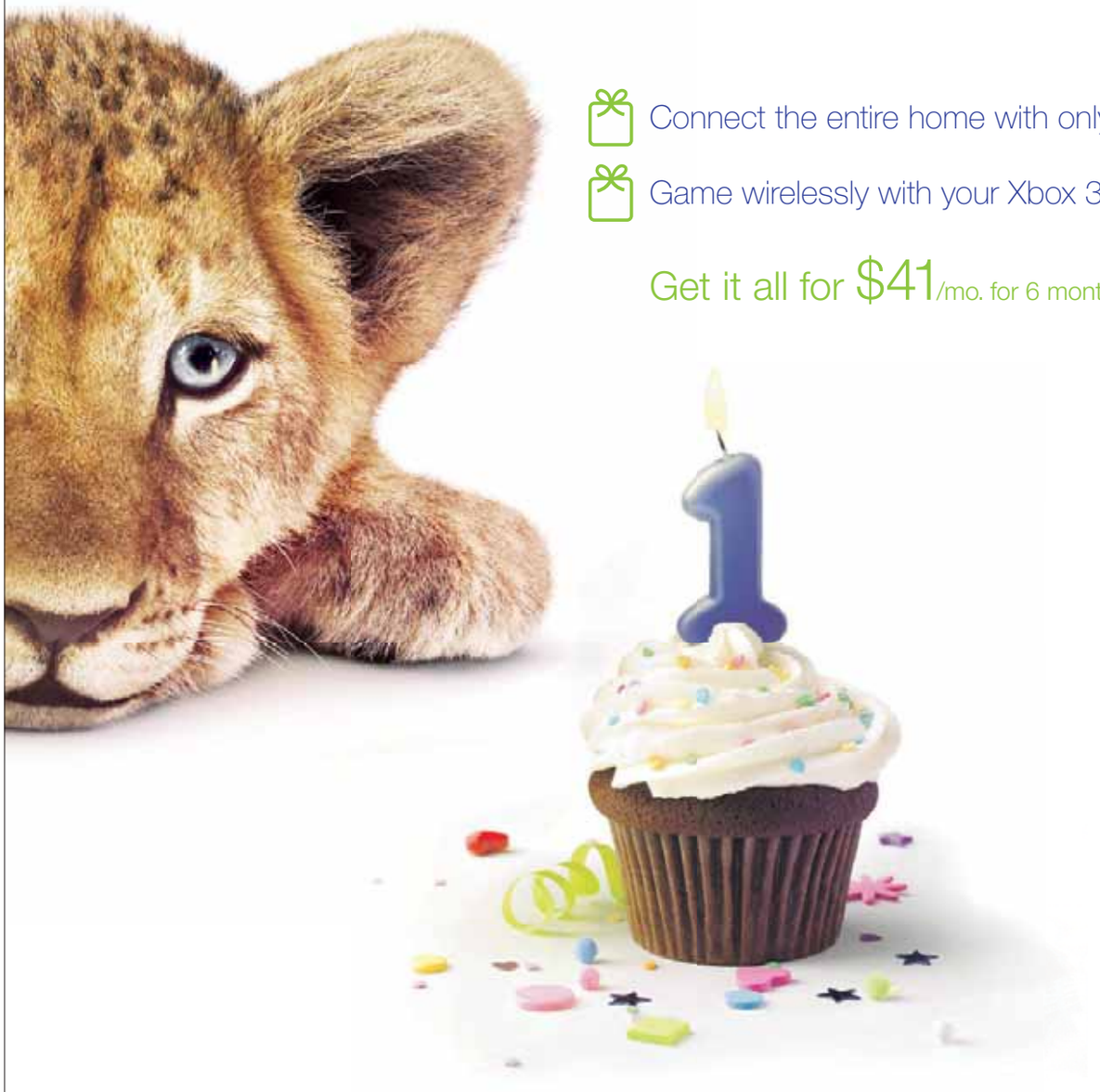

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Teachers willing to strike

Back to school may have to wait.

The B.C. Teachers' Federation announced yesterday their members have voted 90 per cent in favour of a provincewide strike and are willing to put up pickets in September if no progress is made on a new collective bargaining agreement.

BCTF president Susan Lambert says the union has been in negotiations with the government since March, but the two sides have actually moved further apart — with the government insisting on a net-zero mandate and teachers wanting smaller class sizes, fair wages and local bargaining.

"I speak to teachers all over the province and frustration sums it up," said Lambert. "It's reaching a breaking point."

She said the education system is in a crisis following a decade of funding cuts, leaving teachers underpaid and overstretched.

MATT KIELTYKA

Debate quickly dashed

It didn't take long for Premier Christy Clark to shoot down Opposition leader Adrian Dix's call for a debate on the HST.

Dix challenged his rival to a one-on-one faceoff on the policy yesterday, but Clark quickly rejected the idea. MATT KIELTYKA

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

▶ CeeJai Julian fixes the small memorial she set up for a 30-year-old woman killed in an alleged hit-and-run Saturday at the corner of Hastings and Jackson streets.

Seeking punishment for friend's death

- Friend of alleged hit-and-run victim are looking for justice
- Police in contact with driver, seized car for examination

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CeeJai Julian, a friend of a 30-year-old woman killed in an alleged hit-and-run over the weekend, said she hopes the driver gets punished for the death of a "beautiful human being."

Julian was woken by a loud bang at 4 a.m. on Saturday. When she looked below, she saw a woman lying on the ground at the corner of Hastings and Jackson streets. She ran down and found her friend, whom she knew only as "Jamie," lifeless and covered in blood.

"I kneeled down beside her, put my hands by her ears and started to pray for her," Julian added. "I knew that she was gone already."

Police reported Wednesday that the driver of a black Lexus convertible allegedly involved in the collision has come forward and is being interviewed. The car has also been seized for examination.

"Thank God (the accused) finally came to his senses," Julian said. "This is a young lady's life that was taken so suddenly. I'm angry because (the suspect) left her to die alone."

Julian has made a small shrine where her friend was killed and is reaching out to the victim's family. She hopes people from the Downtown Eastside community can say their goodbyes through a memorial service.

"I just feel very honoured and blessed that I was with her (that day)," she said. "I just want her family to know that she didn't die alone and she had good people around her trying to take care of her."

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Getting face time with some famous Canadians

- William Meire's new exhibition features more than 100 familiar mugs
- His favourite? He won't say, but William Shatner was 'great fun'

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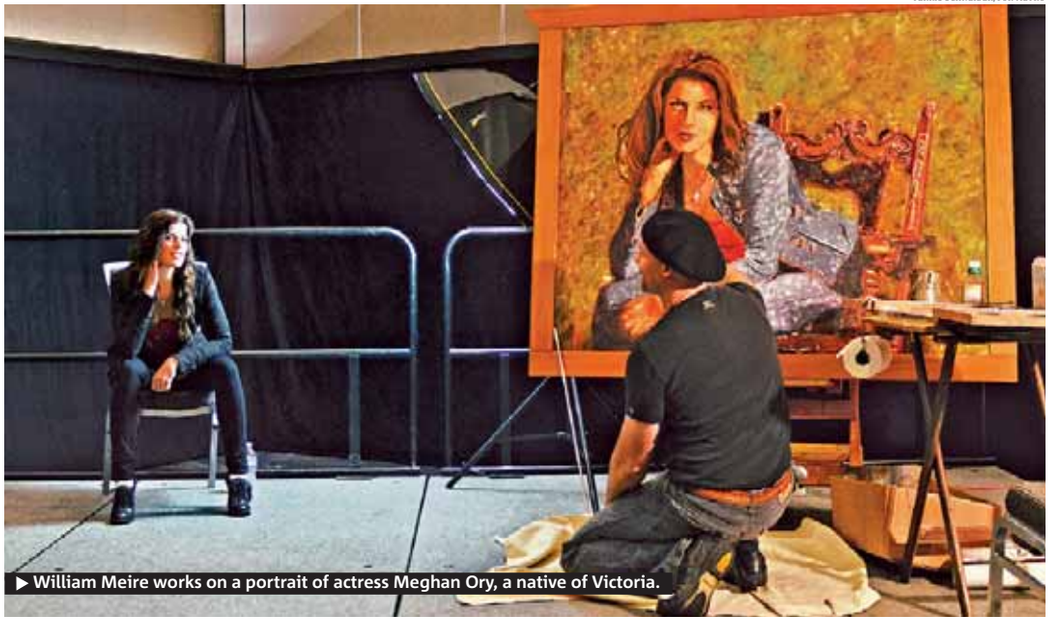

▶ William Meire works on a portrait of actress Meghan Ory, a native of Victoria.

TERRIS SCHNEIDER
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William Meire has made a career of painting portraits of famous Canadians, as well as some who aren't so well known. And so it's entirely fitting that his new exhibition, Face of Canada, will have its debut on Canada Day at, you guessed it, Canada Place.

Face of Canada features more than 100 original oil portraits of Canadians who have played a role in the cultural life of the nation.

Meire, an internationally renowned artist who was born in Vancouver, says the eyes are the focal point of his paintings and that he takes great care to ensure that the eyes of his subject gaze back at him by the end of the final sitting.

"The eyes, they talk to me, and that's when I know I'm done."

Featured subjects in Face of Canada include David Suzuki, John Candy, Neil Young, Brian Adams, Wayne Gretzky, Louis Riel, Keanu Reeves, William Shatner — even Jack Kerouac, whose parents were from Quebec.

Meire plans to paint director James Cameron next, and he hopes to get a sitting with former Vancouver Canuck Trevor Linden soon.

"The eyes, they talk to me."
ARTIST WILLIAM MEIRE, WHOSE SUBJECTS INCLUDE BUBBLES FROM TRAILER PARK BOYS

He prefers to paint live subjects and had great things to say about his sitting with William Shatner.

"He is the best. Great personality. Fun to work with, and he had a beautiful home."

Canada Day

- **Face of Canada,** featuring the art of William Meire, is part of a free event at Canada Place on July 1 celebrating Canada's 144th birthday.
- **The Canada Place bash** is the biggest birthday celebration outside of Ottawa.
- **Musical performances,** art and culture, international cuisine and a citizenship ceremony are all part of the activities.

Perjury hearing delayed for RCMP officers

The four Mounties accused of lying at the Braidwood Inquiry into Robert Dziekanski's death at the Vancouver International Airport will have to wait until the end of August for their day in court.

Cpl. Benjamin Robinson, Const. Bill Bentley, Const. Gerry Rundel and Const. Kwesi Millington were charged with perjury on May 11 after a review by special prosecutor Richard Peck.

None of them attended a scheduled first appearance at B.C. Supreme Court in Vancouver on Wednesday as the officers' lawyers briefly met and had the date of the hearing adjourned to Aug. 31.

Peck said the delay would give all parties an opportunity to get full disclosure and carry on with proceedings.

The four officers initially faced no criminal charges for their role in the Polish immigrant's death in 2007.

But on June 29, 2010, Peck urged the Criminal Justice Branch to revisit its charge assessment in light of findings made in the Braidwood Commission Report.

That review led to perjury charges being laid against the four officers in relation to the testimony they gave at the Braidwood Inquiry.

MATT KIELTYKA

Woman crawls out of mudslide

JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

▶ The mudslide covered Highway 1 east of Chilliwack.

A woman who escaped a mudslide that suddenly rushed down on the Trans-Canada Highway appeared dazed as she walked away from the messy scene and into a gas station, the store's cashier says.

"She was shaking, literally," Cindy Mackin said Wednesday, shortly after the drama unfolded near the rural truck stop in Rosedale, B.C.

RCMP are trying to determine if anyone else was caught in the slide that came down at about 11 a.m. PT, closing both the east and west lanes of the major highway.

Lynn Orstad, emergency program manager for the Fraser Valley Regional District, said the woman suffered only minor injuries even though her car rolled twice.

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BORDER MATTERS

Canada-U.S. divide not so great: Scholar

Canada Day is a celebration of our country's greatness, but be careful about venerating Canada at the expense of the United States: One professor says we have more in common than we might think.

"There are times when we're more different, and there are times when we become similar again, but we never get too far apart because we just share too many darn things in common," says Ed Grabb, senior scholar in the UBC sociology department.

Grabb's research reveals that many of the stereotypical differences between the countries are myths. Despite media reports, for instance, opinion polls show that, since 1980, a majority of Americans have favoured some form of government-funded national health care.

In fact, "the North-South linkages are often more important than East-West," Grabb says. "Southern B.C., in particular, has much in common with Washington state.

"The border does matter, but it's interesting how little it matters on some things, especially on things like values and the way that people think."

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B.C. farm harnesses cow power

At Bakerview EcoDairy in Abbotsford, the cows are responsible for more than just milk. Thanks to a new anaerobic digester system, which captures biogas from manure, they're also responsible for generating electricity. It will produce as many as 60,000 kilowatt hours of electricity per year, and feed the excess energy back into the provincial power grid.

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Wrangler, RCMP pull horse from river

RCMP Zodiac stages dramatic rescue Horse and rider emerge unharmed from fast-moving river

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A horse is alive and unharmed thanks to the efforts of Chilliwack RCMP and members of a First Nations policing unit who staged a dramatic rescue when a horse and rider fell into the Vedder River.

A 31-year-old Chilliwack woman had been riding the horse along the bank of the fast-flowing river last Tuesday when the horse was spooked and both fell into the water.

The woman was able to climb out of the river unharmed, but the horse was pulled downstream by the current.

Chilliwack RCMP got a call around 3:15 p.m., and dispatched a Zodiac into the river.

"As a police officer, you never know what a day will bring."
CONST. TRACY WOLBECK

With the assistance of a First Nations policing unit and a local horse wrangler, they were able to lasso the animal and guide it to shore safely.

The emergency ended with everyone, human and animal, safe and uninjured.

"It's pretty miraculous that the horse and rider made it out unharmed and that our members were able to respond as quickly as they did,"said Const. Tracy Wolbeck in a press release. "It was a happy ending for everyone."

COURTESY OF RCMP

▶ A man lassoes a horse in the Vedder River near Chilliwack.

911 dispatcher recognized for baby delivery

When Maxime Fok was in labour at 4 a.m. on April 14, she knew she didn't have time to make it to the hospital before her baby was born.

"My husband called 911 right away, and we got instructions from the dispatcher. Basically, she came out on her own, so my husband just had to guide her out," she explained.

The dispatcher on the call was Ejay Beresh, who was one of the call-takers recognized by the British Columbia Ambulance Service with a Stork Award yesterday for helping to deliver a baby over the phone before paramedics could arrive.

"I've had a couple of close calls, but this is the first one I actually assisted in delivering," said Beresh.

Baby Emma was delivered healthy in the Fok family's garage, and paramedics were on scene to assist in minutes.

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▶ Timothy and Maxime Fok, left, and Ejay Beresh, the 911 call-taker who talked them through the delivery of their baby Emma.

"It's a pretty tense situation when you're on the phone trying to help them out, and I'm sure it's more tense for them."
EJAY BERESH, 911 DISPATCHER, ON HELPING A COUPLE DELIVER A BABY

"I'm glad everything worked out for them," Beresh said.

Ambulance Service superintendent Gordon Kirk explained that "very often, the call-takers take thousands of calls a year — hundreds a day, and they never see the outcome of the work. It's a very positive thing. So often, they deal with sad events, and this is a very positive one."

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Province pushes safety message

The province, police and ICBC are reminding British Columbians to make smart driving choices during the Canada Day long weekend.

The CounterAttack campaign aims to keep B.C. roads safe during the summer by encouraging people to plan ahead and choose a designated driver to get home safely.

▶Shirley Bond

"Far too many lives are lost needlessly and families impacted forever as a result of impaired driving incidents," says solicitor general Shirley Bond.

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS

Hells Angels turns himself in to RCMP

Kelowna RCMP have arrested Robert Thomas, a full-patch member of the Hells Angels in Vancouver.

Thomas turned himself in at 3 a.m. last Wednesday. He is charged with second-degree murder of Dain Eldon Phillips.

Six other men also face charges in the slaying that investigators believe began as a feud between two families.

The six were picked up last weekend, but Mounties were calling on the 46-year-old Thomas to turn himself in.

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LEGAL AID

Aboriginal groups cry foul

A coalition of aboriginal groups and leaders say their community is being "muzzled" by the provincial government's decision not to extend legal aid to several organizations in the upcoming Missing Women Commission of Inquiry.

While Attorney General Barry Penner granted funding for the families of Robert Pickton's victims to be represented in the inquiry, he denied funding for community organizations such as the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre, the February 14th Memorial March Committee, WISH and PACE Society.

"It is totally unacceptable that the province would establish an inquiry into the deaths and disappearances of so many mission aboriginal women and not allow aboriginal people a voice at the inquiry," said Grand Chief Stewart Philip, of the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs.

Commissioner Wally Oppal held a pre-hearing conference with the groups who were rejected legal aid earlier this week to see what could be done about the situation.

But it doesn't look like the government will budge.

"It is unprecedented for a public inquiry commissioner in B.C. to recommend that taxpayers fund lawyers' fees for groups and associations. Our priority is to fund legal counsel for the families of the murdered and missing women," reads a statement released by Penner's ministry.

MATT KIELTYKA

Life of Pi lives on screen

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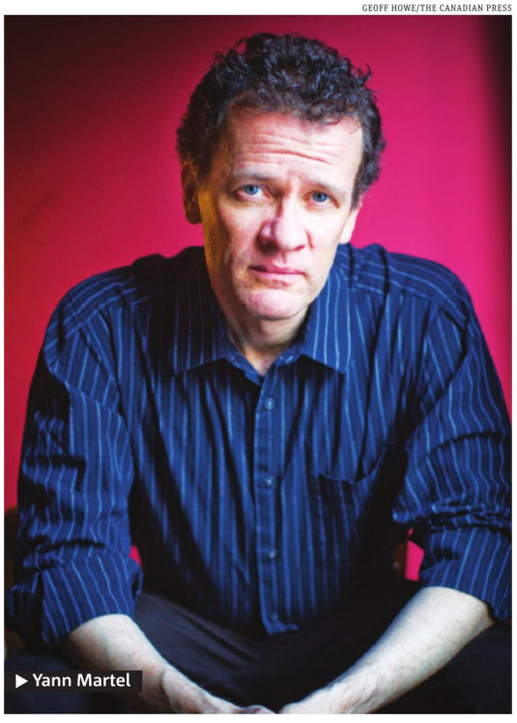

▶ Yann Martel

Canadian author's award-winning book reborn as Hollywood movie

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Yann Martel, author of the Man Booker Prize-winning novel Life of Pi, isn't worried about how his movie will translate to the big screen.

"If it's a great movie, they'll say it's based on a great book, and if it's a bad movie, they'll say, 'Oh, well, that's Ang Lee's fault.'"

Martel says the movie is a faithful interpretation of his book, which tells the story of a young Indian castaway stuck on a lifeboat in the Pacific Ocean with a zebra, orangutan, hyena and Bengal tiger.

Martel spoke with award-winning director Ang Lee (Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon) about the screenplay, but other than a cameo appearance opposite Tobey Maguire, he was keen to let Lee do his own thing.

"This is based on my book, but it's Ang Lee's movie," he said.

"I'm a novelist. I write prose, and I'm not a filmmaker," said Martel. "So as much as I love movies, I don't delude myself that I know how to make them."

Martel admitted it will be an odd experience hearing his words on screen, but said he looks forward to seeing his story in a different medium.

Martel will be in Vancouver for the first annual Indian Summer Festival, which runs from July 7-17, where he will talk about the movie adaptation onstage with Bollywood actress Tabu.

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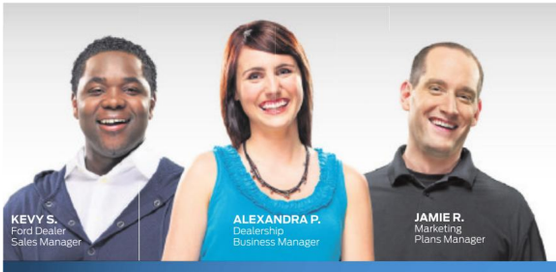

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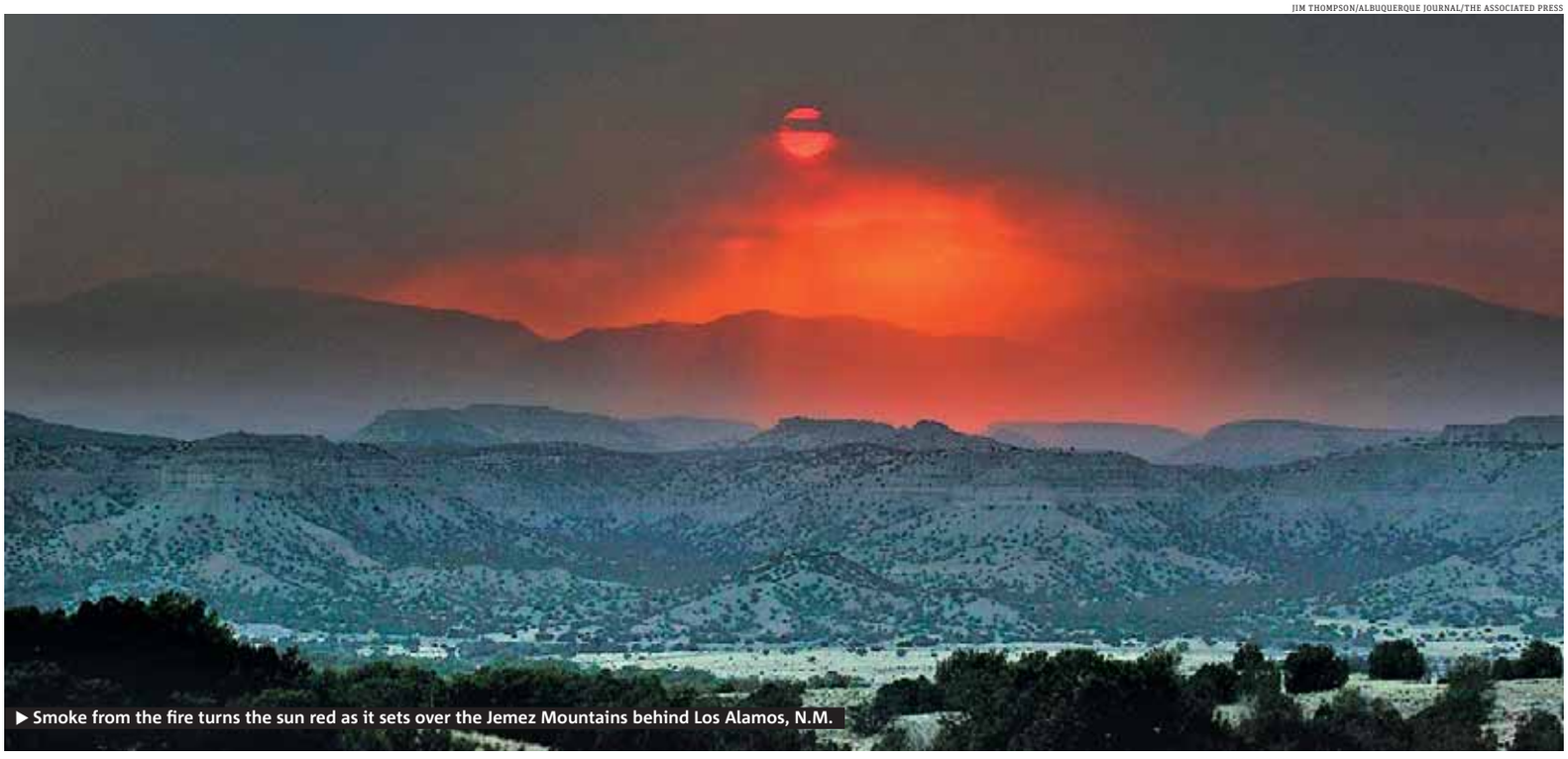

▶ Smoke from the fire turns the sun red as it sets over the Jemez Mountains behind Los Alamos, N.M.

Fire stirs fears of nuclear crisis in New Mexico

Small city of Los Alamos, N.M., evacuated
U.S. sends high-tech plane to check on radiation

The U.S. government sent a plane equipped with radiation monitors over the Los Alamos nuclear laboratory Wednesday as a 285-square-kilometre wildfire burned at its doorstep, putting thousands of scientific experiments on hold.

The plane, which can take digital photographs and video as well as thermal and night images, was sent to New York City to take air samples after the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

It has flown over wildfires and areas damaged by hurricane Katrina.

In a testament to the sophisticated research done at Los Alamos, the plane was developed with technology from the lab, the desert installation that built the Second World War atomic bomb.

Lab officials expressed confidence the Los Alamos blaze would not scatter radioactive material, as some residents feared.

"If it gets to this contamination it's over — not just for Los Alamos but for Santa Fe and all of us in between"
MAI TING, WHO LIVES CLOSE TO LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY

"Our facilities, our nuclear materials are all safe," said lab director Charles McMillan.

Los Alamos, a city of 11,000 in New Mexico, sits empty after its residents were moved to safety.

The streets of Los Alamos were deserted, with the exception of emergency vehicles and National Guard Humvees.

Homeowners who had left were prepared: Cars were left in the middle of parking lots, away from anything flammable.

The lab, which employs about 15,000 people, covers more than 93 square kilometres and includes about 2,000 buildings. They include research facilities, as well as waste-disposal sites.

Residents have expressed concern about the potential of a radioactive smoke plume if the flames reach thousands of barrels of waste stored in above-ground tents at the lab.

"I know people are concerned about what's in the smoke," said Sen. Tom Udall of New Mexico.

The wildfire is stirring memories of a May 2000 blaze that destroyed hundreds of homes and buildings. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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▶ A crew member aboard the International Space Station took this photo of the Los Alamos fire from an altitude of about 378 kilometres.

Area G is key

- Lab director Charles McMillan said the barrels contain low-grade waste (gloves, toolboxes, tools) and other items that may have been contaminated.
- An anti-nuclear group had estimated there could be up to 30,000 55-gallon drums stored at a site known as Area G, but lab spokesperson Heather Clark said Wednesday there are 10,000 drums stored there under fire-retardant tents.
- Los Alamos County Fire Chief Doug Tucker, whose department is responsible for protecting the lab, said the barrels are stacked about three high inside the tents.
- Area G holds drums of cleanup from Cold War-era waste that the lab sends away for storage in weekly shipments, according to lab officials.
- The raging Los Alamos blaze has held up vital research on such topics as renewable energy, particle physics and the battle against AIDS.

NO TOXINS RELEASED YET, LAB STAFF SAY

Top lab officials and fire managers say there have been no releases of toxins.

They say they're confident the flames won't reach key buildings or areas where radioactive waste is stored.

As a last resort, they say, foam could be sprayed on barrels containing items that might have been contaminated through contact with radioactive materials.

The site's manager for the National Nuclear Security Administration said he evaluated the precautions and felt comfortable.

"I have 170 people who validate their measures," Kevin Smith said. "They're in steel drums, on a concrete floor."

The fire has already sparked a spot fire at the lab. The fire was quickly contained, and no contamination was released.

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Canadian flees Kabul firefight

Businessman 'safe and unharmed' after suicide attackers storm hotel U.S. helicopters fire missiles

A Canadian businessman was safe Wednesday after being caught up in a deadly attack on a Kabul hotel.

Spokesperson Emma Welford from the Canadian Embassy in Afghanistan said the man was a guest at the Intercontinental when it was attacked by eight Taliban fighters.

Welford would not reveal how the man got out of the besieged hotel, but said he has been taken to an undisclosed location.

"He's safe and unharmed," she said.

The man's identity was not released, but Welford said he was not part of the Canadian military or diplomatic mission and has no ties to the development and aid community.

Kabul's jewel

- The hotel, which is frequented by foreigners and dignitaries, has long been considered one of the most secure sites in the capital.
- Guests and visitors must pass through a roadblock and guards posted at the bottom of a hill that winds up to the building.
- Then there's another checkpoint along the road before you reach the hotel, where more security guards are set up with metal detectors.

The attack late Tuesday was one the most complex launched by insurgents to date and lasted five hours and ended with 19 people dead, including the attackers.

Afghan security forces cleared the hotel, but the running battle ended when U.S. attack helicopters fired missiles at the five-storey building.

Security official Latifullah Mashal said eight suicide attackers were involved.

All had either blown themselves up or been killed.

The 11 civilians killed included a judge.

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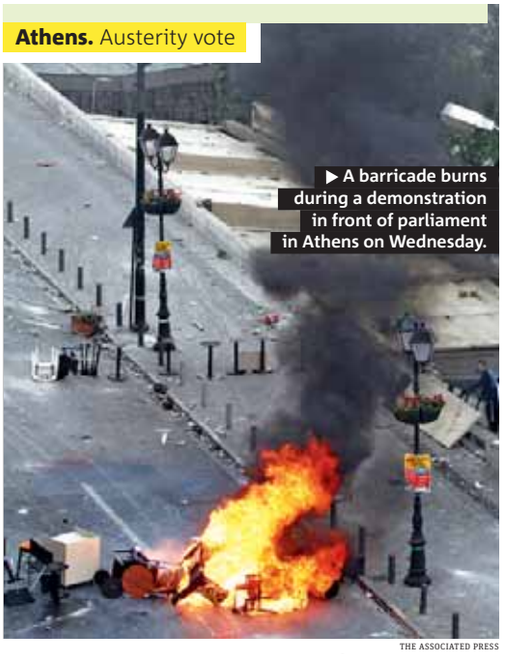
Athens. Austerity vote



▶ A barricade burns during a demonstration in front of parliament in Athens on Wednesday.

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New cuts, new riots

Greece approved more austerity measures in a vote Wednesday that calmed world markets but triggered a second day of riots that left dozens injured and left the streets of the capital, Athens, blanketed with tear gas. Stun grenades echoed outside parliament.

Mom who lost son sees 157th body return

The mother of a soldier killed two years ago quietly pressed her face to the fence of an airbase Wednesday as the remains of the latest casualty of the Afghan mission arrived back on Canadian soil.

Clutching a "support-the-troops" poster, Kathy Bulger was among hundreds who gathered at CFB Trenton to pay their respects to Master Cpl. Francis Roy, the 157th Canadian to die on Canada's combat mission.

Fellow soldiers found Roy, 32, mortally wounded early Saturday at a forward operating base in Kandahar city.

Investigators, who ruled out enemy action, were treating Roy's death as a suicide. An autopsy has yet to be performed.

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Clashes erupt in Egypt

Unrest began Tuesday after security forces prevented people from attending a ceremony honouring those killed in the 18-day uprising

Two days of street battles between security forces and protesters in Cairo show just how volatile Egypt remains nearly five months after the popular uprising that ousted authoritarian leader Hosni Mubarak.

More than 1,000 people were hurt in the unrest Tuesday and Wednesday, driven by discontent over the slow pace of justice for old regime figures accused of corruption and killing protesters.

The clashes in Tahrir Square add a new layer to an already painful and chaotic transition from Mubarak's regime to democratic rule under the supervision of the military.

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▶ A protester wears a mask as he gestures during clashes with security forces in Cairo Wednesday.

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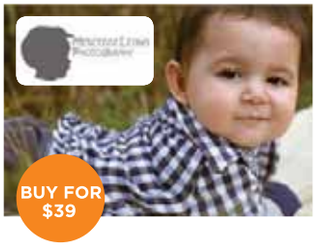

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N.B. woman denies plotting to kill husband

A New Brunswick woman dismissed testimony from her alleged abductor that they plotted together to fatally shoot her husband, saying instead that if she had access to a gun, it would be Romeo Cormier who would not be "sitting there today."

The Crown recalled the woman to the witness stand Wednesday after Cormier, who is charged with kidnapping her and holding her against her will for nearly a month, concluded his testimony earlier in the day.

The 55-year-old woman — whose identity is protected by a publication ban — said there was never a plan to kill her husband, contrary to Cormier's testimony.

"That never happened. My husband and I have a great relationship," she told Crown lawyer Annie St. Jacques.

"Why would I kill my husband for something like Romeo Cormier?"

Cormier, 63, sat quietly taking notes and showed no visible reaction to her testimony.

He told the Court of Queen's Bench that she enlisted him in a plot to kill her husband on Feb. 26, 2010. He said they went to her home that night and were looking in the bedroom window when the woman somehow cut her hand and a car pulled into the driveway.

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News in brief

Spanish jewels recovered

SCAM. Spain has recovered jewels stolen in an elaborate scam, police say. The scam involved a fake sheik, a small man hidden inside a desk, and $14 million US in jewelry.

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Ottawa OKs controversial treatment

TRIALS. Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq is bucking some of the latest research and giving the go-ahead for clinical trials of a controversial treatment for multiple sclerosis patients.

Aglukkaq says the federal government will fund trials of the so-called liberation therapy in spite of recent studies that have cast doubt on narrowed neck veins as the primary cause of multiple sclerosis.

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Iran tests missiles

MIDEAST. Iran has conducted covert tests of ballistic missiles in addition to a 10-day program of public military manoeuvres, Britain alleged today.

Foreign Secretary William Hague told the House of Commons that there had been secret experiments with missiles that would be able to deliver a nuclear weapon, but did not specify precisely when the tests had taken place.

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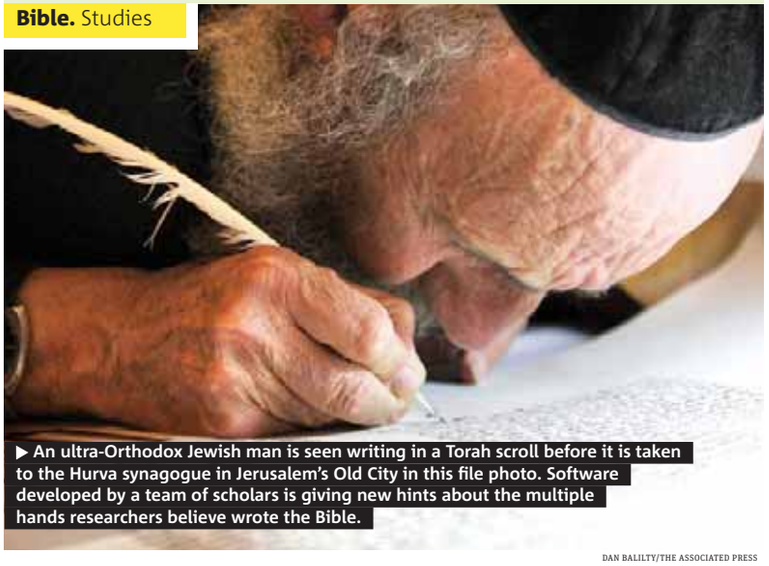
Bible. Studies



▶ An ultra-Orthodox Jewish man is seen writing in a Torah scroll before it is taken to the Hurva synagogue in Jerusalem's Old City in this file photo. Software developed by a team of scholars is giving new hints about the multiple hands researchers believe wrote the Bible.

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Holy book finds high-tech power

New software analyzes style and word choices to distinguish parts of a single text written by different authors. When applied to the Bible, its algorithm finds distinct writerly voices in the holy book. The program has a range of potential applications — from helping law enforcement to developing new computer programs for writers.

Government nuclear firm goes private

Montreal biz buys Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. for $15 million

The federal government has sold nuclear company Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. to Montreal-based engineering giant SNC-Lavalin Group.

Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver announced the sale late yesterday.

The sale ended at least two years of attempts by Ottawa to privatize AECL.

The sale price was $15 million.

Meanwhile, SNC-Lavalin is creating a new division called CANDU Energy that will house AECL's three former business lines.

SNC-Lavalin was the sole bidder to meet Ottawa's conditions for buying the financially troubled Crown corporation.

AECL has long been a headache for successive federal governments and has cost Canadian taxpayers billions of dollars in subsidies, including about $1 billion in the last two years alone.

The company has also faced major cost overruns at key projects in recent years while struggling to find a buyer.

In May 2009, the Conservatives announced plans to spin off AECL's commercial reactor business from its research division.

The announcement coincided with what turned into a lengthy shutdown of the company's research reactor at Chalk River, Ont., which caused a worldwide shortage of the medical isotopes used to detect cancer and heart ailments.

An earlier shutdown in late 2007 also strained the global isotope supply and ended only after Parliament voted to bypass the nuclear safety regulator's closure order.

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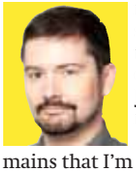

As I think about my swimming technique this summer, one skill keeps coming to mind: I should really learn to float.

I have mastered the fundamentals known as the three S's: Standing, squatting and swearing about the water's temperature. And, sometimes, emboldened by back-to-back episodes of Jackass, I let the water come up to my neck.

But despite my derring-do, the fact remains that I'm about as buoyant as a cockpit voice recorder. To me, the butterfly is an animal, the freestyle is rap music and the breaststroke is something you do if you really love your KFC.

The only pool that I have been in recently involved guessing when Will and Kate will get divorced.

My inability to swim is especially embarrassing because I grew up in New Brunswick. "Weren't you born on the water?" people say, frowning at me as if I were a Newfoundlander who just said he doesn't care for whisky.

"But despite my derring-do, the fact remains that I'm about as buoyant as a cockpit voice recorder. To me, the butterfly is an animal, the freestyle is rap music, and the breaststroke is something you do if you really love your KFC."

These people assume I can't swim because I'm scared, but that's not true.

I'm tentative near open waters, but that's because the Atlantic hovers around three degrees Kelvin. It does to your body what your Grade 7 teacher used to do to hotdogs when he took out liquid nitrogen to illustrate the scientific principle of "Breaking stuff into little pieces is cool."

And the water inside was no better: All I learned on school swimming trips was that chlorine is Mother Nature's way of stabbing you in the eyes. (If the Taliban ever harnesses the power of chlorine, every North American will be wandering around with their face squeezed tight and their arms outstretched asking for a towel.)

We did take swimming lessons on school trips, but they generally involved clinging to a flutter board as though we had just departed the Titanic. When the chlorine dissolved the board, the lesson was over.

I could get sulky about this and blame my childhood, but instead I have decided to embrace it: I want to return to my roots and get a flutter board because that's the closest I have been to swimming.

It might seem childish but, heck, they give out beer in sippy cups at hockey games, and those motorcycles with extra wheels seem popular now. Give my board an iPhone colour scheme and an impressive name and I will be fine with it. My Jet-Black Thoroughbred Freedom Board will be the talk of the pool.

And if anyone mocks me, I'm blaming the tears on chlorine.

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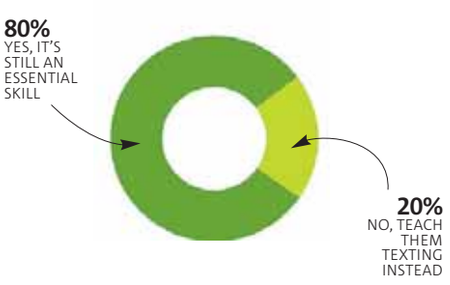

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- **@KBBenning:** Hey #Vancouver, great summer we're having eh?
- **@Shatankiawaz:** @_amanbains @zoe_ferry #Vancouver I've taken a sabbatical and am vacationing in the Bahamas. Sincerely, Summer.
- **@endlessbiking:** June-uary in #Vancouver. Hot Jan or cool June, it covers it. Actually really good #Mtb weather though!

Worth mentioning

LOS ANGELES. A team of European astronomers, glimpsing back in time to when the universe was just a youngster, says it has detected the most distant and earliest quasar yet.

Light from this brilliant, starlike object took nearly 13 billion years to reach Earth, meaning the quasar existed when the universe was only 770 million years old — a child by cosmic standards. The discovery ranks as the brightest object ever found.

To scientists' surprise, the black hole powering this quasar was two billion times more massive than the sun. How it grew so bulky so early in the universe's history is a mystery. Black holes are known to feed on stars, gas and other matter, but their growth was always thought to be slow.

The discovery was reported in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature. Since quasars are so luminous, they guide astronomers studying the conditions of the cosmos following the Big Bang, the explosion believed to have created the universe 13.7 billion years ago.

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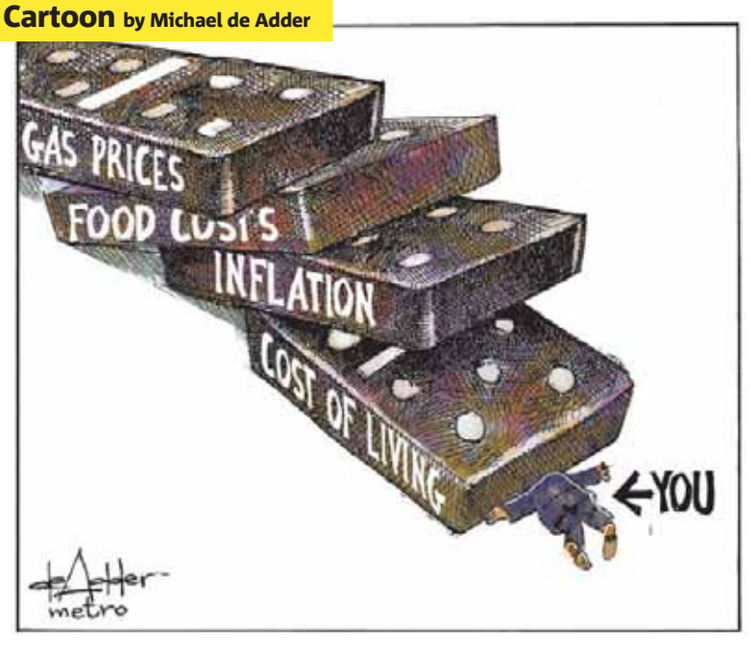

WEIRD NEWS

Debuting next season — CSI: Dog poop

A Florida condominium association hopes dog DNA samples will help it determine which pet owners aren't picking up after their pooches.

The Village of Abacoa Condominium Association says cleaning up after dog owners who don't clean up after their dogs costs $10,000 to $12,000 US per year.

Starting Aug. 1, residents in the Jupiter, Fla., community must each pay a $200 fee to keep the dogs' genetic information on file at the DNA Pet World Registry. Dog droppings found in common areas will be collected and mailed to the Tennessee-based company for comparison.

The association's property manager says any owner whose dog matches the poop sample will be fined up to $1,000, or a lien could be placed on their homes. A dog that is a persistent problem could be confiscated.

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Plot synopsis

- Larry Crowne (Tom Hanks, who also directs), the man not the movie, is the kind of guy proud to wear his My Name Is tag. That is, until the day U Mart downsizes him. Divorced and stuck with a house that isn't worth what he owes on it, he turns his life around by going back to school and getting an education in life and love from teacher Mercedes Tainot (Julia Roberts).

- **Ratings:**
  Richard: ⊕⊕⊕½
  Phil: ⊕½

▶ Julia Roberts and Tom Hanks star in Larry Crowne.

Reel Guys

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Hanks' comedic return

Richard Crouse and Phil Brown agree Larry Crowne feels a bit out of date
But they enjoy Hank's gentle character comedy and film's offbeat casting

Movie writer Phil Brown is sitting in for Mark Breslin this week.

Richard Crouse: Phil, Larry Crowne has an old-fashioned feel to it, like a '90s sitcom updated with references from the 2000s. There's something reassuring about seeing old pros Hanks and Roberts effortlessly glide through this like hot knives through butter, but occasionally the material feels a bit out of date.

Phil Brown: The movie seemed too old-fashioned to me and just felt bland. Star power has appeal, but I just can't buy two of the most recognizable movie stars as down-on-their-luck nobodies. Tom Hanks may have an everyman quality, but he looks as out of place working in a department store as Larry the Cable Guy at Harvard.

RC: Maybe so, but Hanks has been playing the Da Vinci Code's oh-so-serious iconology professor Robert Langdon for so long now it's easy to forget that he was once known as an accomplished comedic actor. Here he turns the dial back to movies like Joe and the Volcano, playing a likeable character you want to root for. I enjoyed that, I just found the obvious boomer baiting a bit obvious.

PB: Yeah, it was nice to see him try to be funny again and hopefully it's not the last time. Few do gentle character comedy better. The boomer baiting was frustrating as was the attempt to make overcoming economic crisis seem so easy. If only I'd known before now that the answer to any financial problems I have could be solved by taking a community college level intro to economics course with George Takei.

RC: I actually really liked the movie's offbeat casting. Sure Hanks and Roberts are the above-the-title stars, but they'll only appeal to people who remember when gas cost 54 cents a litre. The rest of the cast is bizarre. Pam Grier? Awesome. Wilmer Valderrama? Well, maybe not awesome, but at least left-of-centre enough to be fun. For all the familiar names in the cast, it was an unfamiliar one that grabbed my attention: Gugu Mbatha-Raw. I think a new star might have been born there.

PB: She has a star quality and I did enjoy seeing Tekei even if his subplot was ridiculous. This is a comfort food movie. For the price of admission you get pretty actors, a comfy moral and a happy ending. There's nothing wrong with cinematic empty calories, I just could have used some realism, edge and creativity.

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Scene in brief

Also opening this weekend is Selena Gomez's Monte Carlo, about a young girl on vacation in the seaside town who is mistaken for a British heiress. The movie also stars Leighton Meester, Cory Monteith and Andie MacDowell. Visit metronews.ca/movies on Friday to read a review of the film.
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Appealing to the masses

Horrible Bosses is a buddy comedy that never gets too dark Sudeikis talks to Metro about his new flick

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Although Jason Sudeikis stars in the new comedy Horrible Bosses, he says in real life he's never worked for a horrible boss.

A short retail career — "It was not my forte," he says — saw a manager harp on him about "hanger integrity," which he explains is "the act of making sure all your hangers in a closet or on a clothing rack face the exact same way." But he doesn't remember her as horrible. "Passive aggressive, yes, and very detail oriented, but horrible, no."

His current boss, Saturday Night Live head honcho Lorne Michaels, gets more effusive praise. "I picture him laughing a lot," he says. "I think that is what keeps him so spry."

In Horrible Bosses, the handsome actor — he's good-looking enough to have dated January Jones! — plays Kurt, who, along with Jason Bateman and Charlie Day, plot to kill their evil employers.

"I just think Jason and Charlie are so great," he says. "I watched and thought, 'Golly, they're so frickin' funny. I hope people are all right with me.'"

The plot sounds sinister, but the movie isn't serious in any way.

"I don't know if any of our characters go through an emotional arc," he laughs. "It never gets too dark. There's not going to be any copycat situations. It's not going to start things up around the country, or the world for that matter."

It's a buddy comedy expanded to three, just like another big hit this summer, The Hangover Part 2. "People, if they want to be crappy about it will say, 'Oh, they want to be The Hangover,' but it is totally different."

I mention a tweet someone sent after seeing Horrible Bosses. "Three is the new two," it read.

"I've been working on my own theory that four is the new rule of comedy in this new generation," he says. "One establishes the premise, two hits it, third is the punch line, then the fourth one is a comment on what the first three were."

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▶ Jason Sudeikis stars in Horrible Bosses.

Horrible Bosses is being released amidst the crash, boom, bang of the summer blockbusters. I ask him if he's concerned about competing with the likes of Transformers.

"Out of the movies that are being released around it, it's the one I would go see," he says. "I just happen to be in it, which is nice."

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Welcome to the animal house

Kevin James makes a family film that will entertain kids — and adults

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Does the idea of Kevin James starring in a comedy alongside a bunch of talking zoo animals sound ridiculous? Maybe a little corny? Kevin James himself would agree with that.

"I was immediately not into doing an animal movie," he confesses. "It just felt so kinda goofy to me to do it, and then as I started thinking about it more — if we could make it a great story where you didn't need animals, they're just kind of like buddies that could add to the film, I started getting more and more interested in it."

That's how the King of Queens star made his peace with starring in Zookeeper, in which he plays a zoo employee and animal lover who feels he must ditch the job he loves in order to impress an ex who is reconsidering him. Once the animals reveal they can talk, they coach James' character on how to win his lady back.

The actor is pleased with the end result of the film, but working directly with live zoo animals was another story.

"The bears were close to us and all I would do was just plan my escape route," he says. "Like, 'I know the cameraman's a smoker. I could push him in the way and then I'll be back in my trailer watching Sports Center.' That's the way I would plan it and it was scary at times."

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▶ Kevin James alongside his primate co-star in Zookeeper.

The animals are voiced by some Hollywood juggernauts — Adam Sandler, Cher, Nick Nolte, Sylvester Stallone, Judd Apatow and Jon Favreau — all of whom, James says, were excited about the strength of the film's script.

"They felt like it was going to be a good movie and they decided to jump on board and so it makes it easier for any character when you know who is playing that part," he says, referencing the process of acting with their voice performances in mind.

"I've always loved physical comedy ... I loved Jackie Gleason — anybody who was big and could move, I like a lot."
KEVIN JAMES, ON THE DEMANDS OF HIS ROLE IN ZOOKEEPER

One thing the star is also adamant about was his desire to make a family film. "We just wanted it to be a funny, funny movie for everybody, where you can feel comfortable bringing your kids," he says. "I've gone to movies with my kids and I'm bored out of my skull. There's just no comedy for adults so I wanted something where it's comedy for everybody."

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Conan O'Brien can't stop

New documentary captures talk show host's ups and downs during the creation of his live touring show

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Rodman Flender says the hardest part of making Conan O'Brien Can't Stop, a movie about his pal Conan O'Brien, was detaching himself from their friendship.

"All of us experience terrible disappointments in our lives and careers," he says. "We all get jobs and lose jobs but very few of us do it on the front page of the New York Times. So as his friend I wanted to be there for him. However, as a filmmaker I wanted to detach myself. That was difficult for me."

The pair began to document the creation of O'Brien's live touring show, a two-hour, all-singing, all-dancing way for the talk show host to thank the fans who stood by him as he was unceremoniously sacked as Jay Leno's replacement on the Tonight Show.

"I wanted to capture the process of putting this tour together," says Flender, "to capture Conan at this moment in time, at such a crossroads in his career. To see how the tour evolved and the nuts and bolts of the tour in a kind of Judy Garland Mickey Rooney, 'Hey let's put on a show' kind of way.

"I never wanted it to be a promotional piece for Conan. I just wanted to capture, in the true, old-school direct cinema style, whatever happened."

In that spirit the movie reveals an unvarnished portrait of the star.

"People have asked me, 'Is this the real Conan O'Brien?' Yes. But so is the guy you see on TV every night. What you see in the movie is the real Conan O'Brien without a script.

"And like a real person he has real feelings and he has moods and he is kind and generous and he gets tired and cranky at the end of a long day and that is what I think it is to be a human being. It's interesting to me that so many people have thought, 'Oh wow, it's such a negative portrait of him,' but he doesn't do drugs, he doesn't abuse anybody."

O'Brien's down-to-earth side is evident in the off-stage footage, particularly in his interactions with fans.

"He really wants to be kind to everybody and really show his appreciation to his fans and everyone who has done so much and stuck by him," says Flender. "But there is a toll that takes. He is a human being after all. He's not a machine."

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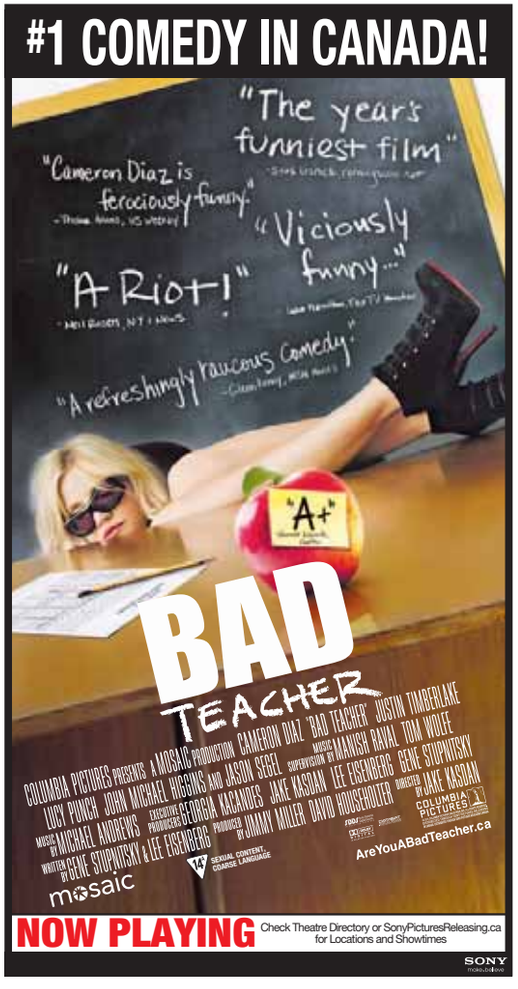
▶ Conan O'Brien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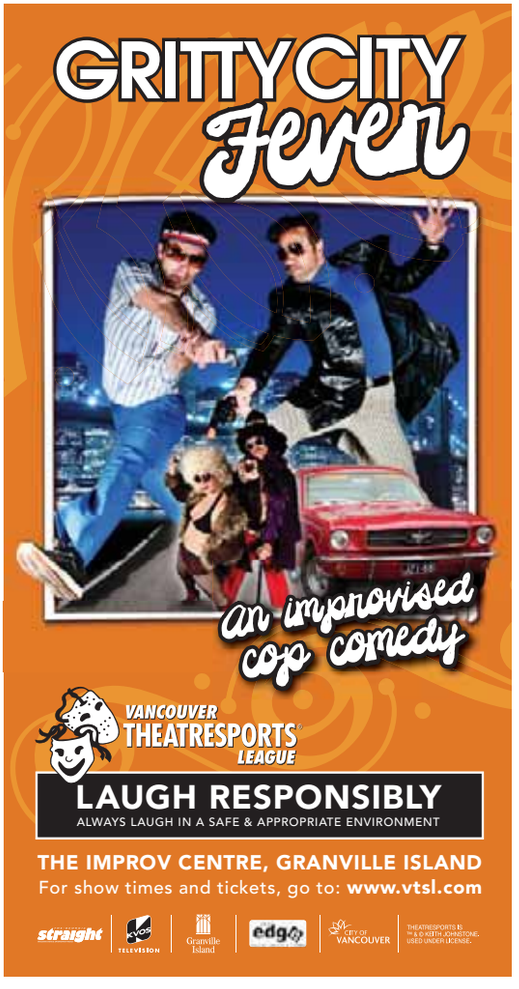

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The Mountie
Genre: Western
Director: Wyeth Clarkson
Stars: Andrew Walker
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Director Wyeth Clarkson invests his Can-con western The Mountie — in which a steel-jawed Red Serge (Andrew Walker) liberates a town from the grip of evil opium dealers — with the eye of an artist, as breathtaking Yukon vistas and ultra-saturated colours fill the screen. That delicious visual pallet does much to smooth over the films' ample flaws, the most glaring being an episodic structure and a child's sing-song voiceover that hampers the meditative tone Clarkson otherwise strives so hard to achieve. Still, a Canadian spaghetti western — Sergio Leone by way of CBC — is unique and for such a low-budget picture, the orchestral music is positively majestic. CHRIS ALEXANDER

Barney to be released on DVD

Barney's Version earned critical acclaim and recognition from the Oscars and Golden Globes, but the creative minds who spent years labouring over the film were disappointed by how many people actually saw it.

The Paul Giamatti-starring flick — adapted from legendary Montreal author Mordecai Richler's beloved semi-autobiographical 1997 novel — performed well in Canada and foreign markets, but struggled to find an audience in the U.S.

"It had a great response with those who saw it," said Genie- and Emmy-nominated director Richard J. Lewis. "I just don't think it was that well marketed or distributed."

He's hopeful Barney will find a second life on DVD and Blu-ray when it's released Tuesday.

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Winnie. The Pooh

▶ Disney's Winnie the Pooh hits theatres July 15.

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Pooh puts down his honey jar for Canada

Plan to show off your patriotic love of everything Canuck this Canada Day? You aren't the only one. Even Winnie the Pooh — named after Winnipeg, you know — is putting down his beloved honey jar and picking up the red and white this weekend. Disney's Winnie the Pooh, starring the voices of Craig Ferguson and John Cleese, is in theatres on July 15.

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Potiche (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Sub-Titled Fri-Sun 4:25-7-9:35 Dolby Stereo Digital, Sub-Titled Mon-Thu 5:45-8:10
Thor (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Sun 4:10-6:55-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 5:35-8:15
Water for Elephants (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Sun 4:05-6:50-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 5:25-8:20

HOLLYWOOD THEATRE
3123 W. Broadway, 604-738-3211
hollywoodtheatre.ca

OAKRIDGE
650 West 41st Ave., 604-263-1944

Cars 2 (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4-6:45-9:30
Green Lantern (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 9:45
Kung Fu Panda 2 (G) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:15-3:45-7:15
Transformers: Dark of the Moon (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri-Thu 12-3:30-7-10:30

PACIFIC CINÉMATHÈQUE
1131 Howe Street, 604-688-3456
cinematheque.bc.ca

The Devil's Trap (STC) Sat 6:30 Sun 8
No Films Showing Today (STC) Tue
Sentiment (STC) Thu 8:45
Shadow of a Fern (STC) Mon 7 Wed 8:50
Shadows of a Hot Summer (STC) Thu 7
Smoke on the Potato Fields (STC) Fri 8:30 Wed 7
Valley of the Bees (STC) Fri 6:30 Sat 8:15
The White Dove (STC) Sun 6:30 Mon 8:45

PARK THEATRE
3440 Cambie Street, 604-876-2747

The Tree of Life (G) Fri-Sun 12:50-4-7-9:55 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:55

RIDGE THEATRE
3131 Arbutus Street, 604-738-6311

Larry Crowne (G) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:10-9:15 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:10-9:15

RIO ON BROADWAY
1660 E. Broadway, 604-878-Film
riotheatre.ca

Fubar 2 (18A) Fri 12
Strange Brew (STC) Fri
Transformers: Dark of the Moon 3D (PG) Fri 3:30-6:15-9:15 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:15-6:45-9:45 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:45

SCOTIABANK THEATRE VANCOUVER
900 Burrard St., 604-630-1407

Bad Teacher (14A) Fri-Wed 12:20-2:40-5:10-7:40-10:20 Thu 12:20-2:40-4:45-7:40-10:20
Conan O'Brien Can't Stop (PG) Thu 7
Green Lantern 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:30-7:20-10:30
Kung Fu Panda 2 3D (G) Fri-Wed 11:50-2:10-4:40-7:10-9:40 Thu 11:50-2:10-4:40-10
Super 8 (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:50-6:45-9:50
Transformers: Dark of the Moon (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:30-3-6:30-10:10
Transformers: Dark of the Moon 3D (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12-12:30-12:50-3:30-4-4:20-7-7:30-7:50-10:40-11-11:15 No Passes Mon-Thu 12-12:30-12:50-3:30-4-4:20-7-7:30-7:50-10:40-11
Wimbledon Live in 3D: Men's Finals (STC) Sun 6
Wimbledon Live in 3D: Women's Finals (STC) Sat 6
X-Men: First Class (STC) Fri-Thu 12:40-4:10-7:40-10:50

VANCITY THEATRE
Vancouver International Film Centre
1181 Seymour Street,
604-683-Film
vifc.org

Exterminating Angels (STC) Wed 8:45 Thu 6:45
Lost Highwayman (STC) Mon 9:30
Mulholland Dr. (18A) Mon 6:45
No Films Showing Today (STC) Fri-Sun Tue
Viridiana (STC) Wed 6:45 Thu 8:45

VAN EAST CINEMA
2290 Commercial Drive, 604-251-1313
vaneast.com

NORTH SHORE

ESPLANADE 6
200 West Esplanade, 604-983-2762

Bad Teacher (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:45-4:10-7:25-9:50 Mon-Thu 1:45-4:10-7:25-9:50
Cars 2 (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 1-3:40-6:45-9:15 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:10-9:40 No Passes Fri-Sun 1:30-4:20-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 1-3:40-6:45-9:15
Larry Crowne (G) Fri-Thu 1:20-4-7-9:30
Midnight in Paris (G) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:30-6:40-9:20
Super 8 (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:50-6:50-9:45

PARK & TILFORD
333 Brooksbank Ave., 604-985-3911

Bridesmaids (14A) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:40-7:10-10:10
Green Lantern 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:50-7:20-10:20
Kung Fu Panda 2 3D (G) Fri-Thu 11:50-2:15-4:30-6:40-8:40
Mr. Popper's Penguins (G) Fri-Wed 1-6:50 Thu 6:50 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Transformers: Dark of the Moon (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:40-3-6:30-10:50
Transformers: Dark of the Moon 3D (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-3:30-7-10:30
X-Men: First Class (STC) Fri-Thu 3:20-10

RICHMOND

RICHMOND CENTRE 6
6551 #3 Road, 604-273-7173

SILVERCITY RIVERPORT
14211 Entertainment Way,
604-272-7280

Bad Teacher (14A) Fri-Wed 1:15-4:10-6:45-9:45 Thu 4:10-6:45-9:45 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Beginning of the Great Revival (PG) Fri-Thu 11:55-3:20-7:05-10:15
Bridesmaids (14A) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:40-7:10-10:10
Cars 2 (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:45-4-7:25-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 11:30-2:45-7:25-10:20
Cars 2 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 12-3-6:40-9:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 12-3-6:40-10
Cars 2: An IMAX 3D Experience (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 11-1:35-4:20-7:05-9:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 1-4-7-9:45
Conan O'Brien Can't Stop (PG) Thu 7
Delhi Belly (STC) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:35-7:55-10:40
Green Lantern 3D (PG) Fri 1:30-4:40-7:40-10:50 Sat 1:30-4-7:40-10:50 Sun-Thu 1:30-4:40-7:40-10:50
The Hangover Part II (18A) Fri-Thu 9:40
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Sat 10:30 Mon 7
Kung Fu Panda 2 (G) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:05-6:50
Larry Crowne (G) Fri-Thu 11:20-2:20-5:05-7:45-10:40
Monte Carlo (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:10-2-4:45-7:25-10:25
Mr. Popper's Penguins (G) Fri-Wed 1:05-3:55-7:10-9:55 Thu 1:05-4:25-9:55
Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (PG) Fri-Sun 11:15-2:30-6:40-10:05 Mon 11:15-2:30-10:05 Tue-Thu 11:15-2:30-6:40-10:05
Super 8 (PG) Fri-Mon 12:30-4:15-7:20-10:15 Tue 12:30-4:20-7:20-10:15 Wed-Thu 12:30-4:15-7:20-10:15
Transformers: Dark of the Moon (PG) No Passes Fri-Sat 1-4:30-7:55-11:15 No Passes Sun-Thu 1-4:30-8 No Passes Fri-Thu 11:30-3:15-7-10:30
Transformers: Dark of the Moon 3D (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:05-12:15-2:45-3:45-6:30-7:30-10-11 No Passes Mon-Thu 11-12:15-2:45-3:45-6:30-7:30-10-11
X-Men: First Class (STC) Fri-Thu 11:40-3:30-7:15-10:45

BURNABY

DOLPHIN CINEMAS
4555 E. Hastings St., 604-293-0332

Cars 2 (G) Fri-Thu 12:15-2:30-4:45-7-9:15
Transformers: Dark of the Moon (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30

SILVERCITY METROPOLIS
4700 Kingsway Ave., 604-435-7474

Bad Teacher (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4-7:10-9:55
Cars 2 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:30-2:10-4:55-7:40-10:15
Green Lantern 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:50-7:20-10:25
Kung Fu Panda 2 3D (G) Fri-Tue 12:10-2:35-5:20-8-10:35 Wed 12:10-2:25-4:40-10:35 Thu 12:10-2:35-5:20-8-10:35
Mr. Popper's Penguins (G) Fri-Tue 12:30-3:40-6:50-9:35 Wed 12:30-3:40-9:35 Thu 12:30-3:40-10:10
Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-4-7:30-10:55
Super 8 (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:10-6:20-9:25
Transformers: Dark of the Moon 3D (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:40-3-6:30-10:05 No Passes Fri-Thu 12-3:30-7-10:45
X-Men: First Class (STC) Fri-Thu 11:50-3:20-6:40-9:45

STATION SQUARE
220-6200 McKay Ave., 604-434-7711

The Beginning of the Great Revival (PG) Fri-Sun 12:45-4-7:10-10 Mon-Thu 4-7:10-10
Bridesmaids (14A) Fri-Sun 12:35-3:50-7:05-10:05 Mon-Thu 3:50-7:05-10:05
The Hangover Part II (18A) Fri-Sun 1-4:15-7:25-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:25-9:50
Larry Crowne (G) Fri-Sun 12:50-4:05-7:15-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:05-7:15-9:45
Midnight in Paris (G) Fri-Sun 12:55-4:10-7:20-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:20-9:55
Monte Carlo (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:40-3:55-6:55-9:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:55-6:55-9:40
Transformers: Dark of the Moon (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-3:45-7:10-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:45-7:10-10

NEW WEST/ COQUITLAM

SILVERCITY COQUITLAM
170 Schoolhouse Street, 604-523-2911

Bad Teacher (14A) Fri-Thu 12-1:35-2:45-4:20-5:25-7:30-8-10-10:35
Bridesmaids (14A) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:40-7:15-10:20
Cars 2 (G) No Passes Fri-Tue 12:40-3:50-7-10 No Passes Wed 3:50-7-10 No Passes Thu 12:40-3:50-7-10 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Cars 2 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:30-2:30-6:30-9:30
Green Lantern (PG) Fri-Thu 3:35-6:40-9:40
Green Lantern 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-4:30-8:05-10:50
The Hangover Part II (18A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:25-7:10-10:25
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Sat 10:30 Mon 7
Judy Moody and the NOT Bummer Summer (G) Fri-Thu 1:05
Kung Fu Panda 2 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-4-6:15-8:45
Larry Crowne (G) Fri-Thu 11:55-2:30-5-7:40-10:35
Midnight in Paris (G) Fri 1:20-4:10-6:50-9:15 Sat-Thu 1:20-4:10-6:50-9:25
Monte Carlo (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-3:25-6:45-9:45
Mr. Popper's Penguins (G) Fri-Sat 1:40-4:10-6:50-9:35 Sun 1:40-4:10-6:50-9:30 Mon 1:40-4:10-10 Tue-Thu 1:40-4:10-6:50-9:35
Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (PG) Fri-Thu 12:05-3:30-6:55-10:05
Super 8 (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:55-7:05-10:10
Transformers: Dark of the Moon (PG) No Passes Fri-Sat 12:45-4:15-7:45-11 No Passes Sun-Thu 12:45-4:15-7:45 No Passes Fri-Thu 11:45-3:20-6:45-10:15
Transformers: Dark of the Moon 3D (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:15-4:45-8:15 No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-3:45-7:15-10:45
X-Men: First Class (STC) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:05-7:35-10:40

SURREY/WHITE ROCK/LANGLEY

CLOVA
5732-176th St., Surrey, 604-541-9527

Green Lantern (PG) Fri-Thu 7
Hanna (PG) Fri-Thu 9:10
Judy Moody and the NOT Bummer Summer (G) Sat-Thu 3:20
Kung Fu Panda 2 (G) Sat-Thu 1:30

HOLLYWOOD 3 CINEMA
7125-138th Street, Surrey,
604-592-4441

Bridesmaids (14A) Fri-Thu 4:45-7:05-9:25
Fast Five (14A) Fri-Thu 9:10
The Hangover Part II (18A) Fri-Thu 2:45-7-9
Hoodwinked Too! Hood vs. Evil (G) Fri-Thu 12:45
Judy Moody and the NOT Bummer Summer (G) Fri-Thu 12:45-4:45
Rio (G) Fri-Thu 12:45-2:45
Thor (PG) Fri-Thu 2:30-7
Water for Elephants (PG) Fri-Thu 4:45

STRAWBERRY HILL GRANDE
12161-72nd Ave, Surrey, 604-501-9400

Bad Teacher (14A) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:40-5:10-7:40-10:20
Cars 2 (G) No Passes Fri-Tue 12:30-3:40-6:40-9:30 No Passes Wed 3:40-6:40-9:30 No Passes Thu 12:30-3:40-6:40-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Cars 2 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:30-10:10
Delhi Belly (STC) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:40-8-10:40
Double Dhamaal (PG) Fri-Thu 12-3:20-6:30-9:50
Green Lantern 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:40
Kung Fu Panda 2 (G) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:30
Larry Crowne (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:20-10
Monte Carlo (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4-7-9:45
Super 8 (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:50-10:30
Transformers: Dark of the Moon (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:45-3:15-6:45-10:15
Transformers: Dark of the Moon 3D (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-3:45-7:15-10:45
X-Men: First Class (STC) Fri-Thu 6:20-9:20

STUDIO 12 GUILDFORD
15051-101st Ave, Surrey, 604-581-1176

Bad Teacher (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Sun 1:25-4:25-7:30-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 1:25-4:25-7:30-9:45
Bbuddah... Hoga Tera Baap (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:40-10:20
Bridesmaids (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 3:25-7:20-10:30
Cars 2 (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Sun 1:20-4:7:15-10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 1:20-4-7:15-10
Cars 2 3D (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:45-9:20 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:45-9:20
Green Lantern 3D (PG) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 12:10-3-6:20-9:40
Kung Fu Panda 2 (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:15
Larry Crowne (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:40-3:45-7-9:30
Monte Carlo (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:50-4:25-7:10-9:55
Mr. Popper's Penguins (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:20-3:50
Super 8 (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:10-3:40-7:25-10:05
Transformers: Dark of the Moon (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4:15-8
Transformers: Dark of the Moon 3D (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Thu 12-3:15-6:30-10:15
X-Men: First Class (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 6:50-9:50

RIALTO
1732-152nd Street, White Rock,
604-541-9527, criterontheatres.com

Bad Teacher (14A) Fri 7:10-9 Sat-Sun 2:10-7:10-9 Mon-Thu 7:10-9
Larry Crowne (G) Fri 7-9:10 Sat-Sun 2-7-9:10 Mon-Thu 7-9:10

CRITERION 4 WHITE ROCK
2381 King George Highway,
604-531-7456, criterontheatres.com

Cars 2 (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 2:10-7-9:10
Green Lantern (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 9:15
Mr. Popper's Penguins (G) Fri-Thu 2:20-7:15
Super 8 (PG) Fri-Thu 2:30-7:30-9:40
Transformers: Dark of the Moon (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 2-6:45-9:45

COLOSSUS LANGLEY
20090-91A Ave, Langley, 604-513-8747

Bad Teacher (14A) Fri-Tue 11:25-2:15-4:40-7:30-10:20 Wed 11:25-7:30-10:20 Thu 11:25-2:15-4:40-7:30-10:20 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 3
Bridesmaids (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-7:40-10:45
Cars 2 (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:45-2:45-6-9
Cars 2 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-3:15-6:30-9:30
Cars 2: An IMAX 3D Experience (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 11-1:35-4:20-7:05-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 1-4-7:05-9:50
Conan O'Brien Can't Stop (PG) Thu 7
Green Lantern 3D (PG) Fri 12:45-4-7:45-10:40 Sat 2-4:40-7:45-10:40 Sun-Thu 12:45-4-7:45-10:40
The Hangover Part II (18A) Fri-Sun 12:55-3:55-7:20-10 Mon 12:55-3:55-7:20-10:20 Tue-Thu 12:55-3:55-7:20-10
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Sat 10:30 Mon 7
Kung Fu Panda 2 (G) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:45-6:10-8:40
Larry Crowne (G) Fri-Thu 12:25-4:10-7:10-10:10
Midnight in Paris (G) Fri-Wed 12:35-3:35-6:20-9:25 Thu 12:35-3:35-9:25
Monte Carlo (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:20-3:25-6:40-9:40
Mr. Popper's Penguins (G) Fri-Thu 11:35-2-4:25-6:55-9:20
Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 11:50-3:50-7:25-10:30
Super 8 (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:05-7:10:05
Transformers: Dark of the Moon (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:30-12:30-3-4:15-6:45-8-10:15
Transformers: Dark of the Moon 3D (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 11-12-2:30-3:30-6:15-7:15-9:45-10:45
Wimbledon Live in 3D: Men's Finals (STC) Sun 6
Wimbledon Live in 3D: Women's Finals (STC) Sat 6
X-Men: First Class (STC) Fri-Sun 11:40-3:10-6:50-9:55 Mon 11:40-3:10-9:55 Tue-Thu 11:40-3:10-6:50-9:55

TWILIGHT DRIVE-IN
260th Street & Fraser Highway, Langley,
604-856-5063

Kung Fu Panda 2 (G) Fri-Sat 9:30 Sun-Thu 12:15
Limitless (PG) Fri-Sat 2
Transformers: Dark of the Moon (PG) Fri-Sat 11:30 Sun-Thu 9:30

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A rising star in Falling Skies

Toronto's Connor Jessup is living out his own Spielberg fantasy

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▶ Connor Jessup keeps his eye on the stars at the L.A. premiere of Falling Skies.

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From Steven Spielberg, the man who gave the world some of the most imaginative pop sci-fi entertainment in history, comes Falling Skies, the hotly anticipated alien invasion TV series premiering in Canada on July 6th on Superchannel, but already running to great acclaim on the TNT network in the U.S.

The eerie, action-packed fantasy drama takes place six months after a global extraterrestrial takeover and stars ER's Noah Wyle, whose efforts to find and liberate his son from the clutches of the space monsters sets the serialized plot in motion. Playing the unfortunate captive teen is Canada's own Connor Jessup, a rising star who has skipped a step on his career ladder by landing such a coveted role.

"This is unlike any other alien invasion show I've ever seen," says the articulate, intelligent 16-year-old heartthrob.

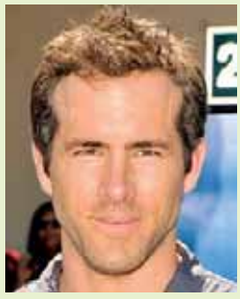
"The 'wow' moment of the invasion is over and the government and military are non-existent so the show is more about the survivors, the normal people banding together to try to fight the invaders and try to rebuild a society."

A native of Toronto, Jessup got his start on The Comedy Network's The John Dore show, which led to a major role in the Australian teen TV series The Saddle Club (to which he also occasionally contributed creatively). But his work on Falling Skies serves as a primal professional scream to the Hollywood machine that he's here to stay and is an on-screen presence to be reckoned with.

"I still haven't quite wrapped my head around that I'm working on a Steven Spielberg show," marvels Jessup of his good fortune.

"Steven was in Europe making Warhorse when we filmed the show so even though this was his pet project and he was very involved in conception, cutting trailers, creature design, character development and plot, he was rarely a presence onset. I went back to high school after finishing the season so even now, it all seems kind of like a dream."

TV picks



Canadian content rules

MOVIES. Just for the Canada Day weekend, there are plenty of films on offer featuring famous Canucks. On Friday, Showcase is airing a double-shot of films starring Vancouver's Ryan Reynolds (Foolproof and Van Wilder), Bravo counters with The Girl Next Door starring Calgary's Elisha Cuthbert, while the late Regina-born comedy legend Leslie Nielsen can be seen in Naked Gun 33 1/3: The Final Insult, airing on Diva.

Will and Kate in Ottawa

ROYALTY. This year's Canada Day festivities will have a royal flair as Prince William and Kate will swing through Ottawa to celebrate Canada's birthday. Canada Day in the Capital on Friday will seek to capture the excitement for those who can't party in the capital in person, along with performances from Sam Roberts and Great Big Sea. (CBC)

Groundhog or Panda

CLASSICS. Film fans have some tantalizing options Saturday. Bravo is airing the 1993 Bill Murray cult classic Groundhog Day, while Teletoon has two more recent hits: the charming '08 animated comedy Kung Fu Panda and action-packed graphic novel adaptation 300. Or you could sit and marvel at the fact that it's been 20 years since the release of the influential 1991 flick Thelma & Louise. (Peachtree TV)

Titanic returns

LOVE STORY. We're still nearly a year away from the 3D theatrical re-release of James Cameron's smash Titanic, so fans of the tragic love story might want to get their fix with Sunday's showing on AMC.

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Britney Spears, Lady Gaga, Nicki Minaj: who will you have stuck in your head all season? Start here to find out.

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The sounds of summer

Super Bass by Nicki Minaj/ Where Them Girls At by David Guetta Featuring Flo Rida and Nicki Minaj
This summer belongs to Nicki.

If only we could be certain that a third song she appeared on would be huge, we could call it a Minaj-a-trois. But we're certain that these two bangers are contenders for the song of summer.

There's something so likable about her voice, whether she's singing or rapping. She's funny, dirty and within these two jams, she effortlessly references Slick Rick, Led Zeppelin and soul singer Peabo Bryson.

The line you'll be singing: "Somebody tell him who the eff I is."

PAT HEALY

There are no awards for the song of summer, just the honour of worming your tune into the collective consciousness during the most nostalgic season of the year.

And yet, to achieve song of the summer status requires more than just the hallmarks of a hit song.

It helps to have at least two of the following: laid-back vibe, a seize-the-night message, whistling, a few woah ohs or la las, funny lyrics, a booze and/or pop culture reference.

And perhaps most importantly, they all need to have that one part that will function as an in-joke between you and your friends regarding whatever summer situation you find yourself in.

The Edge of Glory by Lady Gaga
Like a great summer night, this song is all about living in the moment. It is also the type of tune that you hear once and you already know it, with its huge buildup to the anthemic chorus, which takes place about 10 times in the song. This makes for convenient group singalongs on the way to the beach.

Give Me Everything by Pitbull (featuring Ne-Yo, Afrojack and Nayer)
Employing the same seize-the-night ethos that make the Gaga and Britney songs work, Pitbull raps a "got it locked up like Lindsay Lohan" line as well as an "I might drink a little more than I should" line as Ne-Yo delivers the catchy chorus. You'll be playing this as you get ready to go out because you know you'll be hearing it when you hit the clubs.

I Wanna Go by Britney Spears
Britney has always been great at looking at what other people are doing, and saying, "Hey, that looks cool. Let me try!" and totally kicking ass at it. Here she runs away with the catchy whistling and the "I wanna go all the way ay ay/Takin' out my freak tonight" party message.

The Lazy Song by Bruno Mars
The formula here is Jason Mraz + Sublime, but it's hard to dock Bruno Mars points for borrowing since this song is all about being lazy. The beat is just begging for a traffic jam, where you will roll down the window and thump your hand on the outside of the car door. Anyone within earshot will be whistling along. The pop culture references abound ("Teach Me How Dougie") and the vapid girl who says "ohmigod, this is great" about doing the deed with him is really funny.

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Tonight Tonight by Hot Chelle Rae
This one has pretty much everything a song of summer should: A huge woah oh oh chorus, an easy beat, pop culture references galore ("I woke up with a strange tattoo, not sure how I got it, not a dollar in my pocket/And it kinda looks just like you, mixed with Zach Galifianakis"), funny lyrics and that carpe noche chorus of "We're going at it tonight, tonight/There's a party on the rooftop top of the world."

Pricetag by Jessie J (featuring B.o.B.)
"We just wanna make the world dance," sings Jessie J in a sexy Brit plea against a chill "Ooh Child" groove. But Jessie is actually calling for a return to a pre-MTV worldview. "We need to take it back in time/When music made us all unite/And it wasn't low blows and video hos."

Last Friday Night (T.G.I.F) by Katy Perry
"Pictures of last night ended up online, I'm screwed/oh well, it's a blacked out blur, but I'm pretty sure it ruled." There really isn't much more that needs to be said about Perry's hilarious hangover ditty. If you go the whole summer without busting out in the T.G.I.F. chant in this song, then you might not be able to call yourself a member of modern society.

Pumped Up Kicks by Foster the People
This third whistler on the list is actually a dark song about taking revenge on bullies. But when singer Mark Foster, who sounds like he's talking from an interrogation room during the verse, bursts into the celebratory chorus, it's easy to sing along, even if you don't realize you're saying, "you'd better run faster than my bullet."

Wetsuit by the Vaccines
The Vaccines sound like a cooler Coldplay here. With its repeated incantation of "we all got old at breakneck speed," this song was tailor made for a yearbook quote.

Every Teardrop is a Waterfall by Coldplay
Speaking of Coldplay, we should probably put them on here. Though we like the Vaccines song better, this one is definitely one of the tunes you will be hearing a lot of in these next few months, especially as the release date of their next album creeps closer in early fall.

Ice Cream by Battles
This manically sexy song has a manically sexy video. You know what else is sexy? Summertime!

THE BEST OF 2011 (SO FAR)

SOUND CHECK

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If you're reading this, chances are you still care about albums and CDs. And as we pass into the second half of 2011, here are my picks for the best albums of the year (so far) in alphabetical order.

Adele/21: People are discovering that Adele is the Real Deal. There's little hype promoting this record. It's selling exclusively on the strength of the songs.

Beastie Boys/Hot Sauce Committee Part Two: MCA, dude, that cancer thing really scared us. How did you guys crank out such a solid record while all that Big C stuff was going down?

Bon Iver/Bon Iver: More divine melancholy music from the saddest man in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

The Dears/Degeneration Street: In the business, they call this kind of CD "a career-defining release," It's made the Long List for the Polaris Music Prize.

EMA/Past Life of Martyred Saints: South Dakotan Erika M. Anderson turns her noise-folk into something that PJ Harvey probably has in her iPod.

F—ed Up/David Comes to Life: No one in this Toronto hardcore band can explain the libretto of this rock opera. No matter. The ride is satisfying enough.

Finding her own voice

Vocalist Ledisi on her new album, and most famous fan

In 2004, singer-songwriter Ledisi — fed up with the pressure to conform to the mainstream music industry's female singer template — was ready to walk away from the biz.

But persistence paid off — Verve signed the jazz-influenced star in the making, allowing her to record the albums Lost & Found and Turn Me Loose, both of which were nominated for two Grammys.

Last week marked the release of her latest effort, Pieces of Me, so we caught up with the singer to talk about the message behind her self-confidence anthems and one of her most famous supporters — Michelle Obama.

Michelle Obama is a fan. What was it like meeting her?

She's very down to Earth. She turned people she knew to my music ... And she invited me to participate in a women's mentoring program. It was a huge confidence boost.

On your new album, Hate Me and Shut Up are pretty powerful songs.

Hate Me is a song to celebrate the independence of women — women who don't chase after men. No matter what age group, people go bananas over this song because they can relate ... Shut Up is a song going against what negative things people would say. I would never change my image to fit in. I was always about being yourself.

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‘I always said I would have a baby at 30’

Beyoncé opens up to Piers Morgan about getting older and being a diva, just as her new album, 4, starts buzzing

PIERS MORGAN: What was it like for you headlining the Glastonbury Festival? To play a crowd that big?
BEYONCÉ: Well, before I performed, I was so scared. I was like a leaf. Just — I was really, really afraid. And I just had to say forget that it’s 175,000 people and pretend it’s just like the show you did two days ago and you have been doing this your whole life. And just have fun.

And, you know, we all got together, said our prayer. We took our breath and tried to exhale all the negativity and I just had to tell myself, I deserve it. I’m a diva. I’ve worked hard. And I psyched myself up, and once you hear the crowd and you get past the first couple of minutes, then it’s time to rock. It’s time to have a good time and enjoy it.

I love that phrase. I’m a diva. You say that proudly.
I do.

A lot of stars, you know, they sort of shy away, “I’m not a diva.” You love being a diva.
Well, I’ve met what a diva is supposed to be. And I’ve met Patti LaBelle and I’ve met Tina Turner and I’ve met these incredible women that are graceful.

I keep hearing how shy you are.
I don’t know. I think I — for one, I’m not shy anymore.

I am the person at the dinner party that is quiet and observing and having a one-on-one conversation. I get embarrassed when it’s a lot of people and a lot of eyes. And I am still that way. I wouldn’t say shy. But now, you know, on the stage, I have been doing it for a while. And it’s my place to be me and to be free. And I don’t feel like I’m being judged. I feel like it doesn’t matter how irritated I am or angry I am or excited or in love or whatever emotion.

You are 29 years old.
Yes.

And in September—
I’ll be 30.

The looming, dooming big 30 is emerging in your life. You are pretending to be very, very thrilled about this. Are you?
I can’t wait, because 29 is very strange. You are still in your 20s, but you feel like you are supposed to be 30. And I feel like a woman. I feel like I am very aware of who I am and I feel great. And I feel like 30 is the ideal age. Because you are mature enough to know who you are...

It’s beginning to sound a bit like your mother, which makes me think you are now heading to the right kind of time in your life—
I’m turning into my mom.

No, I didn’t say that.
You are trying to say I need to have a baby.

I didn’t even ask the question.
OK. I always said I would have a baby at 30.

Exactly.
But I also said I was going to retire at 30. So, I don’t know.

Can we expect the little patter of little Beyoncé and Jay-Zs?
Only God knows.

CNN/PIERS MORGAN TONIGHT

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▶ Beyoncé at Glastonbury

Alicia Keys talks inspiration, image and motherhood

Looking back 10 years after album Songs in A Minor

GETTY IMAGES

▶ Alicia Keys

Music critics are invited to see burgeoning singer-songwriters almost every day. But when a request came across this writer's desk to see a young singer-songwriter at an intimate showcase 10 years ago, it carried with it high expectations.

Backed by music mogul Clive Davis, Alicia Keys was billed as a cross between Lauryn Hill and Whitney Houston — a gritty, cornrow-wearing R&B singer who was a brilliant, classically trained pianist with both a stunning voice and beauty. Grammy Awards and multi-platinum sales were more than hoped for, they were expected. And Keys delivered on all the hype when her debut, Songs in A Minor, was released in 2001. The album established the 20-year-old as one of the most influential artists of her generation. But looking back, Keys says she didn't expect the album would make her a superstar.

"This had been a lot of years of me struggling to put out any music, and there had been multiple times where we were like, 'Oh, it's gonna happen, it's gonna happen,' and it didn't. So in a lot of ways in my mind, I think maybe I was protecting myself," she recalled. The album is being re-released this week with special editions that include unreleased tracks and video footage. Keys, who married music producer Swizz Beatz and gave birth to a son last year, will also perform songs from the album at a concert at New York's Beacon Theatre on Thursday.

The Associated Press: In the video that accompanies the re-release, you talk about how you weren't the refined girl people expected. What were the adjustments that you had to make over the years, and how have you changed?

Keys: I was straight off the streets of Harlem and Hell's Kitchen. ... I'm a real New York girl. So I think that was kind of a bit of a shock for people, especially back then, to see a real New York girl, and here I was doing all of these interviews. ... When I look back at them, I'm like, 'Damn, Alicia, you could have been a little gentler.' I just had a certain kind of roughness to me. That was just because that's the way I associated with people at the time ... I remember reading a couple of things where they literally kind of criticized the way that I used my hands, or the way that I spoke, or say that I was whatever because I spoke a certain way. There were a lot of judgments ... that definitely made me conscious about how to start to maybe be a little bit more aware of how I was coming off ... but I'm still the same me.

How have you musically evolved?

(What) I really learned about music is that you don't understand it. That's the part about it. There really is no formula ... it's all about a gift, it's like a moment, and you don't know when that moment is going to come.

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Plenty of reasons to leave the house

This Canada Day, don't stay confined to your backyard • Metro has you covered with some other alternatives

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Oh, Canada, we stand (drink, barbecue) on yard for thee.

Hey, Canada, it's your birthday!

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Of course, we don't have to stand on yard for thee to celebrate.

And for those planning on leaving the confines of their respective property lines to enjoy our national birthday bash, there are plenty of events to check out on Friday around Vancouver and beyond.

Canada Day at Canada Place (10 a.m. to 7 p.m.)

Features a wide range of entertainment for the entire family. Performers include the Grapes of Wrath, Dal Richards, the Strathcona Chinese Dance Co., Cowboys & Indians, the Irish Descendants, and many more.

The Coast Capital Savings Youth Team will be on location at Jack Poole Plaza armed with giveaways, tattoos and face paint. Of course, there's the traditional Citizenship Ceremony, an evening parade (7 p.m.) and, of course, the Canada Day Burrard Inlet Fireworks Show (10:30 p.m.). Visit canadaplace.ca for more information.

Canada Day Celebration on Granville Island (8 a.m. to midnight)

KERI MEDIG/METRO FILE

▶ Fireworks will light up the sky over Burrard Inlet on Canada Day.

Another all-day event that features jazz performances, face painting, an aquatic ballet performed by the False Creek Ferries, roving performers, glass-making workshops ($35), and more. More info at granvilleisland.com.

Surrey Canada Day (10 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.)

Another huge lineup of musicians, including Music with Marnie (great for the kids), the top-20 artists from The Peak Performance Project (great for the parents), the Korean Traditional Arts Society (great for everybody), a freestyle motocross show, an appearance by Captain Canada (Surrey Children's Festival artistic director, Marnie Perrin), and, last but not least, fireworks!

At the Cloverdale Millennium Amphitheatre (176 Street and 64th Ave.). More info at surrey.ca.

Femme Fatale

Britney Spears is back, yo. Talk about a great way to celebrate Canada Day. Just don't be sparking any wacky tobacky in the front row. She doesn't like it. It affects her lip-synching. Tickets $29.50 to an inexplicable $350.

Recently announced

Broken Social Scene plays the Malkin Bowl Sept. 24, with special guests Ra Ra Riot. Bon Iver plays at the Orpheum the next night, Sept. 25, with guests, Other Lives.

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Halle Berry's custody battle getting nasty

Actress files paperwork accusing her ex-husband of neglectful behaviour

Halle Berry's custody battle with ex Gabriel Aubry over their daughter, Nahla, isn't getting any friendlier, according to Us Weekly.

The Oscar-winning actress appeared in family court in L.A. this week, submitting paperwork that accused Aubry of being neglectful and of violating an earlier custody agreement.

Aubry was not present for the court appearance.

"Halle has serious concerns for her daughter's well-being while in the care of her father for any extended period of time and is prepared to take all necessary steps to protect her," Berry's rep said when the custody battle began in January.

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"Halle has serious concerns for her daughter's well-being while in the care of her father for any extended period of time..."
HALLE BERRY'S REP

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▶ Halle Berry

Madonna after another child

Despite the collapse of her previous plans to build a school in Malawi, Madonna hasn't given up on helping the impoverished African nation.

The singer is now working on plans to build an orphanage there, according to E! Online.

"My short-term goals are to build an orphan care center that will service and reach at least 1,000 children, and I'm also actively involved in funding several orphanages that already exist," she says.

Madonna has previously tried a number of times to adopt impoverished kids.

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Madonna

David Duchovny

Sex addict split?

David Duchovny and Tea Leoni have separated, their reps confirm to TMZ.

Sources tell the website that while the actors are taking some time apart, they have not yet decided if they will file for divorce.

The couple previously separated in 2008, later reconciling after Duchovny entered rehab for sex addiction.

They have two children, a daughter, 12, and a son, 9. METRO

Talking points

Reason for divorce? "It's Mel Gibson"

BEST ANSWER EVER. After two years of negotiations, Mel Gibson and his wife, Robyn Moore, have reportedly reached a divorce settlement, according to Hollyscoop.

The terms of the agreement have not been disclosed, and the official paperwork isn't expected to be filed until August. The couple had no prenuptial agreement, and they jointly own three homes in Malibu, an island in Fiji and a ranch in Costa Rica. When Moore initially filed for divorce in April 2009, she wrote in the reason for the split as "It's Mel Gibson."

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Falling out of Love – literally

DOUBLE ENTENDRE INTENDED Courtney Love has reportedly split from Henry Allsopp, a British art dealer and the godson of Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, according to the Daily Express.

And while Love is certainly upset about the breakup, apparently the same can't necessarily be said for Allsopp's family.

"She had moved in within a month of meeting Henry last November and made herself quite at home," a source tells the Daily Express. "Most of the family were rather alarmed by how besotted he was and feared she had delusions of landing herself a title — she used to joke about becoming Lady Love."

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Celebrity tweets

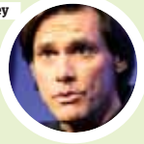
@TomArnold

"Inspite of or maybe because of all the jokes LaToya Jackson seems like maybe the nicest person on the planet. She needs a big hug. Am I right?"

@lindsaylohan

"Have you guys seen food and gas prices lately? U.S. $ will soon be worthless if the Fed keeps printing money!"

@JimCarrey



"I'm in NY because I heard they need another crazy person walkin' around."

@SteveMartinToGo

"I've decided not to sue Google over stealing my idea about calling me up and asking me anything"

J-Lo not the star she thinks she is

NO PAY RAISE FOR YOU Jennifer Lopez has said she's "on the fence" about returning to American Idol next season, but sources close to the show claim the singer is simply angling for a pay hike — and it could cost her the whole gig, according to Popeater.

Producers are reportedly already discussing replacements — including Shania Twain and Shakira — for Lopez, who earned $12 million for her first season as a judge on the reality competition.

"Right now the star of American Idol is Steven Tyler," a source says.

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3 life

Trend of the week

STATEMENT SUNGLASSES

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- This summer has been an especially good one for eyewear, with bold frames in whimsical, attention-grabbing shapes. Sonia Rykiel's blingy sunglasses get our vote for the season's strongest. Splurge on a pair as the final touch to your summer festival wardorbe.

High-drama emotion, manliness coalesce at poetic Paris label Lanvin

Fantastic Man

The story of how David Gandy and Dolce & Gabbana brought sexy back

RICHARD PECKETT
METRO WORLD NEWS

"I'm a big believer in, 'don't believe in your own hype,'" says David Gandy. As muse to Dolce & Gabbana, he's arguably the world's most famous male model of today. But as he says, "I wouldn't have the audacity to call myself a supermodel."

This is a man who walks down runways dressed in nothing but tightie whities for a living, so you might assume he's being facetious. You'd be wrong.

We met at his model agency in London following the especially lavish, movie-star style launch in Milan of his eponymous book by Dolce & Gabbana. "It's been a surreal weekend, going from driving a classic Triumph around with a police escort and everyone screaming one day to going back to Sainsbury's supermarket the next," the 30-year-old says.

"I have more determination than a lot of people and I'm absolutely stubborn."
GANDY ON HIS SUCCESS

Why he's so famous

- It was Gandy's hot-blooded, Adonis-like masculinity in the Dolce & Gabbana Light Blue fragrance campaign (above) that got him noticed for all the right reasons by housewives and jealous husbands around the world.

David Gandy by Dolce & Gabbana, dolce&gabbana.com, $150

Yes, David Gandy goes to the supermarket. He may be shaped like an inverted triangle with abs of steel but he is, in layman's terms, a regular, "nice guy" working in a notoriously bitchy field. How has an unassuming man made it to the top of one of the most notoriously back-stabby industries? "I have more determination than a lot of people and I'm absolutely stubborn," he says.

He's so headstrong, in fact, that he once stormed out of an important casting when asked to shave his trademark mane.

"They said, 'That's our look and that's what we have to do but it's your choice if you want to leave," he explains. "So I packed my bags and left."

It's a willfulness that Gandy assures me he asserted when making the book, which includes more than a few butt shots and photos of him playfully holding phallic-shaped objects near his mouth. He explains: "For a lot of the photos, [Domenico and Stefano] probably wanted to go further than me, but we reigned it in a bit," he says.

In fashion terms, the union of man and brand was a game changer. "People said I changed the industry but it wasn't me, it was Dolce & Gabbana and Mario Testino. We did the white pants in Light Blue and then [Emporio] Armani followed with David Beckham," he says. Gandy represented a breakaway from the effete-looking, super skinny Dior guy that had become so popular.

A waif, Gandy is not. And he'll be promoting his muscle man ethos with his very own fitness and nutrition iPhone app later this year.

"After 10 years in the industry, I can actually say what, fitness-wise, absolutely works. There'll be new techniques from the U.S. and I'll be simplifying complex terms," he says. Sounds like supermodel material to us.

3 MALE SUPERMODELS PAST AND PRESENT

TYSON BECKFORD

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The Canadian Kate craze

GETTY IMAGES

Fashion fans will be fixing their stylish gazes on Kate during her Canadian visit, as many are eager to check out the latest looks from the royal trendsetter.

If her fashion track record holds firm, they can expect a mix of affordable, off-the-rack pieces and higher-end designer wear during her tour with Prince William.

Kate's fashion choices are clearly currying favour among many stylewatchers who regularly document and dissect her head-to-toe ensembles. The intense scrutiny has also helped create a legion of copy-Kates keen to mirror her look.

Susan Kelley is behind the blog WhatKate Wore.com that launched in March. The site devoted to chronicling Kate's looks is averaging between 4,000 and 7,000 readers daily, with the Reiss Shola dress being the most popular garment they get searches for, she said.

Kelley says she thinks Kate's conservative and classic style is part of the allure and attraction for people.

"I think people are tired of the very blingy, out there, over the top styles that they're seeing where celebrities are practically naked," she said in an interview from Okemos, Mich.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pair the brights with whites

Liven up your office by sporting a boldly coloured skirt with a simple white tee It's a fresh and easy to pull off look that can take you from work to that summer rooftop party

KENYA HUNT
METRO WORLD NEWS

Thank the house of Jil Sander for helping to spark fashion's current obsession with colour and introducing the easiest way to wear it, by pairing the flashiest of colours with the simplest of T-shirts. No need to go to fancy on top.

1 ZARA
midi-length skirt, $48,
zara.com

2 TIBI
maxi skirt, $297
shopbop.com

3 WHISTLES ERICA
midi skirt, $190
asos.com

On the street

Eleanora Crisi, Milan

Throw your own colour party

THE KIT

"Wear poppy-pop eye makeup close to the lashline and keep the rest of the face neutral," says Vancouver-based M.A.C senior artist Caitlin Callahan. Black liner and mascara make the trend more wearable. And if you're concerned about emphasizing wrinkles, choose matte or satin textures.

1. M.A.C Eye Shadow in Paradisco and Sushi Flower, $18 each, maccosmetics.com.

2. L'Oréal Paris Hip Bright Shadow Duo in Flamboyant, $11, lorealparis.ca.

3. Revlon CustomEyes Shadow & Liner palette in Rich Temptations, $13, revlon.com.

4. Shiseido Satin Eye Colour Trio in Bouquet, $40, shiseido.com

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Open the door to curb appeal

They say not to judge a book by its cover — but buyers often judge a home by its door Give your house a facelift by making the entranceway inviting

DIY IDEAS

Painting your front door will give your home years worth of curb appeal, and will add personality with your colour choice.

These tips for painting your front door come from licensed contractor Jason Cameron, host of Desperate Landscapes on DIY Network Canada.

Cameron's show transforms neglected backyards into landscape showpieces — all in just one day.

Prep the door

With help, remove the door and place it on sawhorses for cleaning and painting.

Remove all of the hardware, including doorknob, peephole and knocker.

Wash the door and allow it to dry. If there are any cracks in the door, patch them with quick-drying wood filler.

Once dry, sand down the filler so that the patch is smooth with the door.

Prime the door

There's no need to prime if the paint is already in good condition, but if you are using a dark colour it's advisable to use primer.

Prime all six sides of the door — front, back, top, bottom, and sides, and let dry completely.

Any part not primed will absorb moisture.

If there are still cracks after priming, fill them with caulk and prime overtop once again.

Once dry, use sandpaper to get rid of any paint drips or unevenness in the panels, then use an old paintbrush to clean off the dust from sanding.

Paint the door

Use an angled sash brush and begin by painting the corners of the panels, working from top to bottom.

Do not use too much paint, and ensure that it does not puddle.

Use a roller to paint the rest of the door, following the grain of the wood.

Begin with the raised panels, then the top and bottom, sides, and finally the outside edges.

Continue with as many coats as necessary to achieve your desired colour, each time starting with the sash brush and following with the roller in the order described.

Once completely dry, reattach the door and enjoy a beautiful facelift for your home!

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▶ Personalize your front door with a paint colour and style of your choice.

DON'T LEAD YOUR CAT TO TEMPTATION

CHARLES THE BUTLER

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If you read my column on Tuesday, you know I'm a professional Butler — and I'm here to help you sort through lifes how-to's.

On Tuesday, I'm answering your social etiquette questions, and every other Thursday, I'm offering my best advice on managing your home.

So, please send your questions to askcharlesthebutler@metronews.ca and remember to look for this column every other Thursday.

Let's start with our first question!

Question: Is there a correct way to place toilet paper on the toilet paper holder?!

Answer: As a matter of fact, there is!

The toilet paper roll is meant to go over not under, that is UNLESS you have a cat.

If you are a cat owner, you will want the toilet paper to go under to save yourself lots of grief.

Having the toilet roll go over provides nothing but encouragement to a playful cat to make a mess and unroll the toilet roll so that you have a mess when you wake up in the morning!

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▶ It's all about the little things: A correctly placed toilet paper roll is a nice touch in any bathroom.

Celebrate our diverse food identity

The mouth-watering recipes in Canada Grills! will make the perfect addition to any Canada Day get-together

PHOTOS FROM CANADA GRILLS!

▶ The addition of jerk seasoning gives this burger a kick.

What better way to celebrate Canada Day than in the backyard with family and friends? This year, while you're toasting the nation's 144th birthday, incorporate unique food items that reflect the multiculturalism of our country with these Grilled Honey & Lime Prawns and Jamaican Jerk Burgers.

Jerk seasoning, a Jamaican marinade that is normally used with chicken, gives the burger a new twist. Meanwhile, the combination of honey and lime in the prawns perfectly balances sweet and sour.

From the editors of Creative Homeowner, Canada Grills! not only features recipes but also an introduction to grilling, barbecue and smoking terms, temperatures, tips by Barry "CB" Martin, and more than 50 of CB's EZ recipes.

Jamaican Jerk Burgers

Preparation:

1. For burgers, whisk together all ingredients except beef. Then mix in beef until combined, taking care not to overmix. Form into patties; grill.
2. For mayonnaise, bring egg yolks to room temperature. In food processor, purée yolks, lime juice, chipotle purée, cilantro, salt and white pepper. Once fully incorporated, slowly drizzle in olive oil while food processor still running.

Note: To avoid consuming raw eggs for health reasons, use pasteurized eggs, or substitute about 1½ cups store-bought mayonnaise for eggs and oil.

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Ingredients:

- 1 pound ground beef, pork, or turkey
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 4 tablespoons Jamaican jerk seasoning

Chipotle-Lime Mayonnaise

- 2 egg yolks
- 3 teaspoons lime juice
- 1 teaspoon chipotle purée
- 3 tablespoons cilantro, finely chopped
- Salt and white pepper
- 1 cup olive oil

CB's Gilled Honey & Lime Prawns

Ingredients:

- 1 pound jumbo prawns (about 21 per pound) cleaned, tails on

Marinade

- 2 tablespoons Italian salad dressing
- 2 tablespoons dry white vermouth
- 1/3 cup Worcestershire sauce
- 1 garlic clove, finely minced
- 2 tablespoons cilantro, finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger

Basting sauce

- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup honey

Preparation:

1. Combine marinade ingredients in sealable plastic bag; add prawns. Refrigerate for up to 1 hour. Combine basting-sauce ingredients in a nonreactive bowl, and set aside.
2. Preheat grill to medium high. Place prawns on hot grates. Use tongs to turn, and sear all sides. When seared, remove the prawns to a holding pan away.
3. Brush with basting sauce, and allow to finish cooking, about 5 min. Squirt with lime.

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Easy, versatile and totally summer

Pasta salads are a hit at picnics **This one contains veggies, wagon wheel pasta & chicken**

Ingredients:
- 500 g (1 lb) wagon wheel pasta
- 1 rotisserie chicken (750 g to 1 kg/1 1/2 to 2 lb)
- 1 yellow bell pepper, cored and diced
- 1 orange bell pepper, cored and diced
- 250 ml (1 cup) snow pea pods, halved lengthwise
- 1 apple, cored and diced
- 250 ml (1 cup) grapes, halved
- 3 scallions, thinly sliced
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) mayonnaise
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) honey
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) cider vinegar
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) Dijon mustard
- Zest of 1/2 orange
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) poppy seeds
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground black pepper
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) toasted slivered almonds (optional)

With all the backyard parties, barbecues and picnics in summer, pasta salads tend to go into heavy rotation. And with good reason.Pasta salads are quick and easy to make and can be prepped way in advance. They also are easily adapted to cater to whatever flavours you favour. This version adds bright colourful veggies to wagon wheel pasta, but feel free to substitute whichever vegetables and pasta you prefer.

We've also added the meat from a rotisserie chicken; this saves time and keeps you from having to heat up the kitchen to roast your own. You also could leave out the chicken for a vegetarian version, or use cut-up ham or small shrimp in its place.

Preparation:

1. Bring saucepan of salted water to boil. Add pasta and cook according to directions. Drain pasta, transfer to a kitchen towel-lined rimmed baking sheet. Set aside to cool and dry 15 minutes.
2. Remove meat from chicken, then use your fingers or 2 forks to shred and pull it apart.
3. In bowl, combine chicken, both bell peppers, snow peas, apple, grapes and scallions.
4. In bowl, whisk mayo, honey, vinegar, mustard, orange zest, poppy seeds, salt and pepper. When pasta has cooled, add it to bowl with veggies and chicken, then toss to combine. Add dressing and stir to coat. Sprinkle with almonds, if using.

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▶ The chicken in this pasta salad can be left out.

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Canucks sign two to new deals

Journeyman centre Maxim Lapierre and depth defenceman Andrew Alberts finally have some job security after helping the Vancouver Canucks reach the Stanley Cup final.

Both Lapierre and Alberts signed new deals with the Canucks on Wednesday, taking them off the market before the NHL free-agency period begins Friday. Lapierre, slated to become a restricted free agent, signed a $2-million US, two-year deal, while Alberts, who would have been an unrestricted free agent, signed a $2.45-million, two-year deal.

Lapierre, a 26-year-old Saint Leonard, Que., native, received some job security after playing for three teams in 2010-11.

"I had a great experience with the Canucks, they gave me a second chance — a real second chance — and I'm really happy to be back in a great organization," Lapierre said on a conference call.

He began last season with the Montreal Canadiens but was shipped to Anaheim in December before joining the Canucks at the trade deadline. The knock against Lapierre was that he engaged in too much trash-talking, and even his former teammates could not stand the constant yapping.

"When I came to Vancouver, I had a good meeting with the coaches and they told me what they wanted (me) to do," Lapierre said. "I think I improved a lot that way."

Canucks assistant general manager Laurence Gilman said the new deal was a reward for Lapierre's on-ice performance, "as well as his character."

Alberts received a show of support from a team deep in defencemen.

"It's a big relief," Alberts said. "I get to go back to a city I love, a team that I like playing for, a great a coach and a great organization. We had a great run this year and next year we'd like to make it much better by taking the next step."

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Kickoff time

▶ The CFL season gets going tonight.

Alouettes look to forget three-peat, concentrate on Lions in CFL opener

When the banner is raised in a pre-game ceremony for Montreal's second straight Grey Cup triumph, the Alouettes will be in their locker-room getting ready for their season-opener against the B.C. Lions.

Keeping the players away from the celebration of last year's victory is coach Marc Trestman's way of driving home his message that it is a whole new season, and what happened last year has no bearing on how his team will perform in 2011.

"There was a lot of discussion about how we could treat our fans right and let them experience the cup and at the same time stay with our philosophy, which is that 2010 is dissolved and is behind us," Trestman said Wednesday. "So the team will be in the locker-room before the game and will have no idea basically that this is going on. They will not be part of it."

Instead, injured receiver Kerry Watkins and off-season retirees Mathieu Proulx and Paul Lambert will be on field with the Grey Cup while the team will be shut in so that they aren't "put in a position where there are overlapping seasons."

LIONS ALOUETTES

▶ **Time:** 4:30 p.m.
TV: TSN

Trestman is big on team psychology and who can argue with a coach who has been to the championship game in each of his three seasons in Montreal, winning the last two?

The Alouettes begin their quest for a three-peat, which hasn't been done in nearly three decades, when they face the Lions at Percival Molson Stadium on Thursday night.

The Lions will be looking to pick up on their 7-3 finish after a dreadful 1-7 start to the 2010 campaign against a team they beat 38-17 in Montreal last Sept. 3. The Alouettes are 12-3 in home openers since they rejoined the league in 1996 and haven't lost one since they fell 16-7 to Saskatchewan in 2007.

Lions coach Wally Buono, the all-time leader in CFL wins, saw nothing odd in Trestman's approach.

"You're the 2010 champion, not necessarily 2011. It's very understandable," said Buono. "You want to start anew and create a mindset for everyone so they understand that."

Calvillo begins what could be a special 18th season in which, if he stays healthy, he is almost certain to break Damon Allen's career record for passing yards.

With all-time CFL receiving leader Ben Cahoon gone and Watkins sidelined with a sinus problem, he will have S.J. Green in a new position at slotback and rangy newcomer Brandon London at wide receiver.

The Lions have even more adjusting to do in their passing game with only two experienced receivers, Geroy Simon and Paris Jackson, to go with Canadians Akeem Foster, Shawn Gore and Marco Iannuzzi as well as Dobson Collins and Nick Moore. Kamau Peterson, acquired from Edmonton, did not make the trip.

"Last year we struggled on offence at times and now we feel we have faster, more athletic guys on the field," said Buono. "They still have to be able to run the routes and catch the ball, and we have athletes I believe can do that."

The quarterbacking headache, mostly involving Casey Printers, that had much to do with last year's slow start is behind them and Travis Lulay is now in charge.

"It was tough being 1-7 with such high expectations at the start of the year but, to our credit, we stuck to the plan, we were able to battle back and finish the season strong," said Lulay. "The thing is to carry that momentum into this season.

"We're confident coming in. Montreal's been the class of the league for the last couple of years. It's normally one of those games you circle on your schedule and we just happen to get them at the gate. It'll be a great test for our team, to find out where we are. But we also go in with some confidence that if we play well, we can win."

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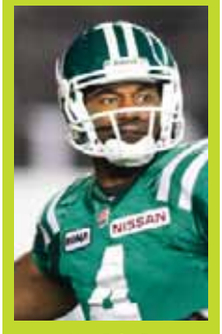

"I think everyone on this team who has been a part of the past two Grey Cups, they have that fire inside of them that they want to unleash on someone else."

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WHO WILL HOIST THE GREY CUP?

CFL EXTRA POINTS

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Throwing away the mortgage money on a potential Grey Cup winner before the season even starts is pure lunacy, especially in the most unpredictable pro sports league on the planet. But we're playing with house money, so let's lay down some odds and project the sure shots, long shots and haven't-got-a-shots for the upcoming 2011 CFL season.

3-1
Montreal

The two-time defending Grey Cup champs have made three straight appearances in the title game and there's no reason to believe "Les Larks" are finished picking up CFL jewelry. QB Anthony Calvillo is another year older (38) and is without SB Ben Cahoon (retired) and RB Avon Cobourne (free agency), but the Als are king of the hill until someone knocks them off.

4-1
Calgary

The Stamps have 2010 most outstanding player Henry Burris back at the helm and he's always a threat, despite significant changes along the O-line. Burris has Joffrey Reynolds, the CFL's top RB in the backfield. On defence, the secondary is without CBs Brandon Browner (NFL) and Dwight Anderson (free agency). Stamps have plenty to prove after following up their 2008 Grey Cup win with two West final losses.

5-1
Saskatchewan

Significant changes in 2011, including a rebuilt coaching staff under newcomer Greg Marshall, could affect the Green Giants. The Riders also lost SB Andy Fantuz (NFL), but bolstered Darian Durant's O-line with the addition of Alex Gauthier and George Hudson.

6-1
B.C.

The heat's on head coach Wally Buono to get his Lions into the Grey Cup at B.C. Place Stadium in November. Helping his chances is QB Travis Lulay, who proved late last season that he has the arm and leadership ability to get it done. Lulay will have 2010 most outstanding offensive lineman Ben Archibald, a free agent from Calgary, buying him time in the backfield.

10-1
Hamilton

The Tabbies could be contenders in the East but have struggled in the playoffs. The addition of free agent RB Avon Cobourne could provide the missing ingredient in the post-season.

20-1
Edmonton

Top-to-bottom changes this season will make for a long year for the green and gold. Could miss the playoffs.

30-1
Toronto

A solid D got the Argos into the East final last year, but they'll go no farther without a QB.

50-1
Winnipeg

The Blue Bombers were 4-14 last season, but nine of those losses were by four points or less. A healthy Buck Pierce at quarterback could turn the agony of defeat into the joy of victory, but don't bet on it.

Federer bounced by Tsonga

Roger Federer was eliminated in the Wimbledon quarter-finals for the second straight year Wednesday, squandering a two-set lead for the first time at a Grand Slam tournament and losing to Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 3-6, 6-7 (3), 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

In the next round, Tsonga will face second-seeded Novak Djokovic, who defeated 18-year-old Australian qualifier Bernard Tomic 6-2, 3-6, 6-3, 7-5.

Defending champion Rafael Nadal also advanced, beating Mardy Fish 6-3, 6-3, 5-7, 6-4.

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▶ Toronto's Dan Gargan, left, and Vancouver's Shea Salinas go tumbling after the ball.

Whitecaps lose basement battle

Nick Soolsma's 54th-minute penalty gave Toronto FC a much-needed 1-0 win over the Vancouver Whitecaps in an MLS battle of the basement Wednesday.

Toronto (3-7-9) had not won in 10 games in all competitions.

Soolsma had to take the penalty twice. His first — successful — attempt was negated because a Toronto FC player entered the penalty box too early.

Two of the league's worst teams squared off on a glorious night on Toronto's lakefront before a crowd of 19,816. Vancouver (2-8-8) offered some steady buildup but had nothing to show for it.

"Our possession was much better, but not in the final third (of the field)," said Vancouver coach Tom Soehn. "I thought in the final third, we lacked some creativity.

"While you feel like it's improving in some areas, the most important area we're not improving is getting results."

The two teams meet in Toronto again Saturday in a replay of the rain-delayed second game of the Nutrilite Canadian Championship final. The opening leg finished in a 1-1 tie.

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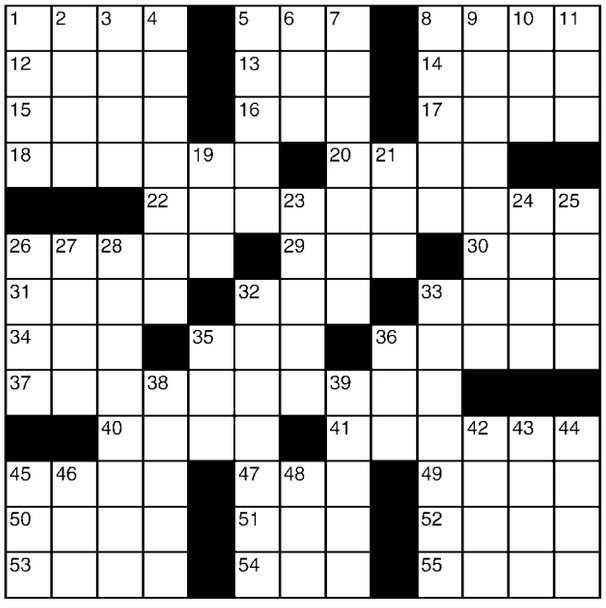

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22 Not working right
26 Beet variety
29 Flamenco cheer
30 Opposed to
31 Unrivaled
32 NBC fixture since 1975
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34 Playwright Levin
35 Menagerie
36 Former larvae
37 Not working right
40 Quest
41 Mideast market
45 The same, in footnotes
47 Ar follower
49 Citrus fruit
50 Freebie
51 Maiden name indicator
52 Blissful place
53 Favorable votes
54 D.C. VIP
55 Fender bender

Down

1 Bambi, for one
2 On the briny
3 From one end to the other
4 Offensive sight
5 Hit-by-a-tomato sound
6 Historic time
7 Moo-ring device?
8 Relax
9 Equalizer, as in golf
10 Diving bird
11 Thickness
19 Remnant
21 Copper head
23 Esteem
24 PBS science show
25 Dandling site
26 Advertising award
27 Trumpet
28 Bane
32 Mitigates
33 Bewildered
35 Buddhist sect
36 Sch. org.
38 Bactrian's pair
39 "Peer Gynt" playwright
42 Staffer
43 "So be it"
44 Landlord's due
45 Unfriendly
46 1-Down's mama
48 Witness

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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Tara, Just wanted to say HAPPY BIRTHDAY to 1 of the hottest mamas I know & 1 of the truest frieds I have. We have our ups & downs but you're always my sis. Don't forget to go THIS WAY THEN on ur bday! **BELLAS**

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Dear Little Cat ;)
Happy Anniversary Baby!! You've been such a huge part of my life for the past year and I couldn't imagine it without you. You have brought so much happiness into my life. I hope that you know how much I care about you. You keep me grounded, make me feel protected, and loved. You are such an amazing person and I am so lucky to be a part of your life. I love you, so much. **S**

Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
To be happy, you need to do things that make a difference not just in your life, but in the lives of others.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 What happens over the next few days has the potential to make your life infinitely more interesting.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
You've found it difficult of late to express yourself. This weekend, you'll make up for it big time.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 If there is something you need to say, don't wait any longer. Say it now.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You seem to be spending a lot of time thinking about your future, and that's a good thing. Stay focused on it.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 The worst that can happen today is that a gamble doesn't pay off.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Say the right things to employers and others in positions of power. A few days from now, they may not be in quite such a receptive mood.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Your ability to get on with everyone will pay huge financial rewards.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21
You seem to be flavour of the month now, long may it continue.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Mercury in your opposite sign makes it easy to talk but when Mercury changes signs this weekend, you won't sound so smooth.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Usually it's good to plan ahead but there is a lot of uncertainty at the moment, so be flexible.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Creatively and romantically, you're in for surprises. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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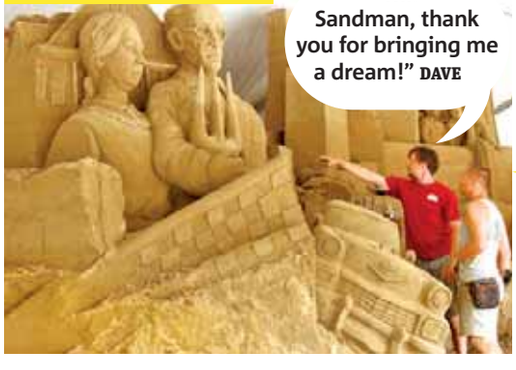

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